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## Atlantic Yards moves forward

### First residential building in the works

**By Daniel Bush**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Developer Bruce Ratner moved forward this week with the construction of the first of his long-stalled residential buildings in the Atlantic Yards mega-project, filing city paperwork to begin a 33-story building adjacent to the Barclays Center.

The 368-unit building—which may be either a conventional tower or a controversial pre-fabricated structure—would rise on Dean Street just east of Flatbush Avenue, next door to the under-construction, 19,000-seat Barclays Center.

Ratner's Executive Vice President MaryAnne Gilmartin said that construction could start this winter after a "year-end ground-breaking."

Designs for the building are being finalized, but Gilmartin confirmed that Ratner's team is "still designing both prefab and conven-



Bruce Ratner, seen here last year, is gingerly moving ahead with his first residential building at Atlantic Yards.

tional alternatives"—with a final design decision expected by the end of the year.

Ratner floated possibility of constructing a pre-fab building earlier this year—a balloon that was immediately shot down by the developer's union allies.

"Clearly, prefab housing is not what we expected," said Richard Weiss, a spokesman for Construction and General Building Laborers' Local 79. "The only reason we [supported the project] was for jobs for our members."

Weiss said a pre-fab building could costs hundreds of construction jobs—positions that Ratner promised during the controversial approval process for the \$5-billion project, which has been stalled by the weak economy.

The Barclays Center is the See **YARDS** on page 13



Jack Sandoval, 20, braces for an aftershock outside of Polytechnic University on Jay Street seconds after the earthquake hit on Tuesday.

## EARTHQUAKE!

### Boro trembles in wake of 15-second seismic shift

**By Gersh Kuntzman and Kate Briquelet**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Yes, that was an earthquake. A 15-second-long tremor rocked Brooklyn at about 1:50 pm on Tuesday, sending shockwaves from Sunset Park to Downtown, where sleepy skyscraper-confined workers were jolted into the streets.

Columbia University seismologists measured the quake as a 5.9 originating in central Virginia. "We felt that whole shock-wave from there," said seismologist Mitchell Gold.

Indeed, the quake rattled the nation's capital and the East Coast from North Carolina to New England. But it caused only minor damage to buildings—including a collapsed chimney atop a 14-story building in the Red Hook Houses. A Housing Authority spokeswoman said that there were no injuries.

Cellphone and land-line service was briefly overwhelmed as residents rushed to talk to friends and relatives and find out what happened.

"I called my husband right See **QUAKE** on page 13

### What is an earthquake anyway?

A lot of Brooklynites don't know why the earth moves the way it did on Tuesday. So here's our primer: An earthquake is caused by movements in the earth's crust resulting from released pressure.

The actual epicenter of this quake was in Virginia, but the tremor was felt across the East Coast because rock formations here are older and harder—therefore transmitting waves more quickly than in the West.

— **Kate Briquelet**

## Gays fuming over bias crimes in Greenpoint

**By Aaron Short**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

More than 100 angry residents lashed out at police officials on Monday night about a

spate of apparent anti-gay violence that cops are not doing enough to combat.

The crowd filled Public Assembly on N. Sixth Street in the wake

of an attack against a 28-year-old man near the corner of Berry and N. 12th streets at around 5 am on Sunday.

The man was found bleeding

from his head, and told detectives that he was beaten at 4 am after he left Metropolitan Bar, a gay tavern nearly 12 blocks away.

The incident is the latest of what

community leaders say is about a half-dozen attacks on gays since February—though some of those incidents have not been formally classified as hate crimes.

That's true of Sunday morning's bashing—but the victim's blamed police for not moving decisively.

"Every time I brought up that it

might be a hate crime, they were dismissive," said Chris Giarmo. "I'd love for someone to say, 'We're on it, we got your back.' See **CRIMES** on page 13



Dana wants a bike thief to know he made her cry.

## HEARTBROKEN

### Bike theft victim tries guilt

**By Natalie O'Neill**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Brooklynites have tried everything to stop bike thieves—locks, legislation, security cameras—but one Park Slope mom has a new

approach: tears.

After having two bikes stolen in as many months, the Bergen Street cyclist mounted a framed sign reading, "Dear bicycle See **HEART** on page 13

## Bike lane pains

### Foes of PPW cycle path threaten suit

**By Natalie O'Neill**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Opponents of the Prospect Park West bike lane—whose case against the world's most controversial cycle path was thrown out last week—are now demanding that the city remove the bike route entirely or face another lawsuit.

On Friday, lane foes issued the ultimatum to Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan because Supreme Court Judge Bert Bunyan's ruling required the group to "exhaust administrative remedies" before it may file a new lawsuit against the city.

To Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes—the group that has been fighting the lane ever since

its installation last year—that means that the city must remove the cycle path entirely or else a second suit will be filed.



## MEAN Streets

The battle for Brooklyn's byways

A new case can only go ahead if lane foes can prove that the city never intended the bike lane to be a permanent alteration because suits against such permanent changes must be filed within four months.

That's why Bunyan tossed the suit last week, avoiding the foes' larger argument that the city turned Prospect Park

West into a danger to pedestrians when it improperly removed a lane of car traffic to create a two-way protected bike lane.

Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes intends to prove the path was actually a temporary project—an argument that would allow the group to skirt the statute of limitations.

Their case was bolstered last month, when Borough President Markowitz swore under oath that Sadik-Khan told him that the lane was merely a "trial" project, not a permanent change.

On Friday, a spokeswoman for the city's legal team declined to comment on the threat of a new lawsuit, saying only that the Law Department had received

See **PPW** on page 13



Providence Hogan, the former PS 29 PTA treasurer, stole more than \$80,000 from parents.

## Momstrosity debt grows

**By Thomas Tracy**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

The PTA mom who stole more than \$80,000 from her Cobble Hill school and failed last week to make the first court-ordered restitution payment also owes more than \$40,000 in back rent on her Atlantic Avenue spa business.

Momstrosity: Providence Hogan, who still owns the Providence Day Spa despite a plea deal that requires her to pay back all the money she stole, owes the back rent to her

### How she could recover

- Disgraced PS 29 PTA mom Providence Hogan is allegedly more than \$122,000 in the hole. But her Providence Day Spa is still open. Here's what Hogan will have to do to pay everything back, based on her spa's price list:
- Perform 75-minute Pure Indulgence Massage — which are \$170 a pop—non-stop for the next 37 days.
- Prick 697 clients during her \$175, 90-minute acupuncture sessions for 43 straight days.
- Exfoliate 938 clients with \$130 Divine Facials from now until the end of September.
- Wax off the pubic hair from 2,033 clients who have bought a \$60 Brazilian—ouch!

— **Thomas Tracy**

landlord and is also being sued by Con Edison for unpaid utility bills.

The story was first reported by Patch on Friday.

According to court documents, the landlord sued Hogan in March, the same month cops arrested her for taking \$82,000 from the PTA of PS 29 on Henry Street.

As treasurer, Hogan had unfettered access to the group's checkbook. When the PTA found a discrepancy in its tax

See **PTA** on page 13



Pratt students Simone Kurland and Kindall Almond may have skipped vacation but got a break this summer after winning a design competition with Urban Outfitters.

## Dress them up

### Two Pratt students make clothes for Urban Outfitters locations

**By Kate Briquelet**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

What do jellyfish, haunted houses and Shelley Duvall have in common?

Three Brooklyn art-school students used them as inspiration to design dresses over summer break—and now their offbeat-but-elegant frocks are in Urban Outfitters locations nationwide.

"Everyone keeps calling me about how they saw my name in the catalogue," said Simone Kurland, a sophomore at the Pratt Institute in Clinton Hill. "It's so exciting! It makes me feel like it was a good choice to move here."

Kurland, along with nine other students, entered Pratt's own version of "Project Runway" in collaboration with the bohemian chain. They got no school credit and no pay—

See **URBAN** on page 13

## Pier 5 plan moves ahead

**By Kate Briquelet**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Brooklyn Bridge Park will get a major recreational facility on Pier 5 by the end of next year, city officials said on Tuesday.

Park officials announced that they were seeking a developer to construct

and maintain an enclosed recreational bubble with one soccer field that would be operational by the end of 2012.

"The concession structure on Pier 5 will enrich the park by encouraging year-long active recreation," said Regina Myer, president of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The seasonal structure will be up from Dec. 1 to March 31 each year. The city will spend up to \$750,000 on construction, but the developer will be responsible for all construction costs beyond that.

The five-acre Pier 5 will also house

See **PIER 5** on page 13



Brooklyn Bridge Park planners say this is what Pier 5 will look like.



Josiah Outten with the Aquarium's latest resident.

## Megalobster finds home in Coney Island

**By Daniel Bush**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

An 18-pound lobster who was saved from the pot by a kind-hearted seafood company will live out his golden years at Coney Island's New York Aquarium.

The ancient crustacean—who is estimated to be 75 years old—

was captured off the Canadian coastline earlier this month and shipped to the New England Lobster Company in San Francisco. A worker marveled at his size and launched an online search for a home for the lucky lobster before it could get sold to the hungriest bidder.



The New York Aquarium replied right away.

"The lobster has a certain presence, a certain gravitas," said John Dohlin, the aquarium's director, who arranged to bring the age-defying sea dweller to Coney Island, where he went on display last week in a separate tank in

the lobster exhibit.

The behemoth is male, lives off of shrimp and tiny fish and boasts claws as big as catcher's mitts. And he'll grow as long as he lives.

"Check back in 25 years and see how he's doing," Dohlin said. "He could live for ages."

That may be true, but he won't end up on a plate, and experts we

spoke to at the borough's top seafood spots agree that's a good thing.

"It would taste tough," said Prini Randazzo, the co-owner of Randazzo's Clam Bar, whose chefs have cooked up nine-pound lobsters. "It'd have to cook for a long time."

Experts say the best eating lobsters are 1-1/4 pounds (butter optional).



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b. take the clothes out while still damp



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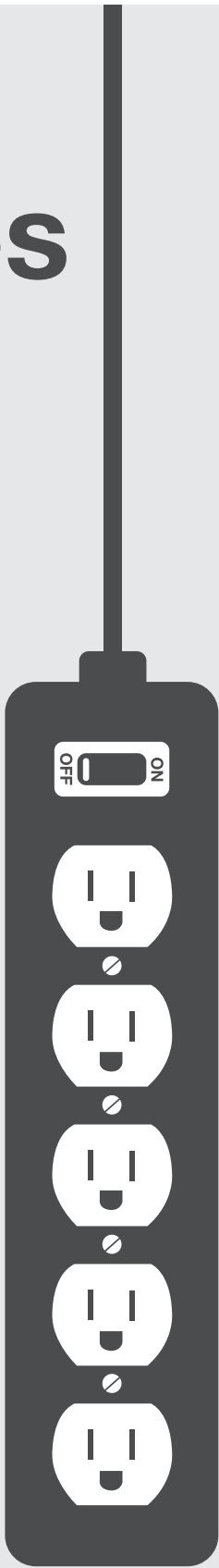
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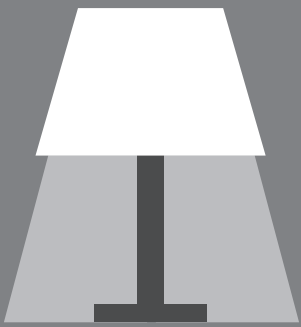
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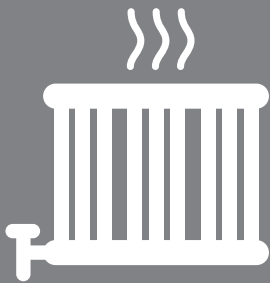


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what’s the largest energy user for homes in our area?



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b. heating



c. electronics



d. toasters

answer: b

showers use less energy than baths because...



a. they require the water to be less hot than a bath does

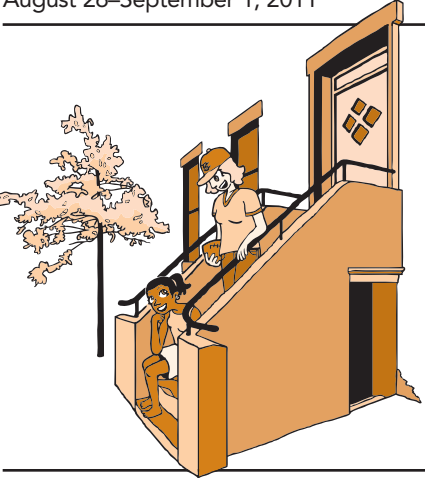
b. the acoustics are better for singing

c. they use about half as much hot water



answer: c





# THE stoop

## NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

### PARK SLOPE



The owners broke the news in a simple sign that did not reveal much.

## A java jolt!

### Ozzie's will close Seventh Ave. shop in rent dispute

By Natalie O'Neill  
The Brooklyn Paper

Ozzie's Coffee, which has been keeping Park Slope caffeinated since 1993, will close next month.

Owner Melissa Azulai — who has owned the Seventh Avenue java joint for 18 years — announced her intentions to close this week in a sign that suggested that her rent had gotten too expensive.

But this is not the same old story of a local business being priced out, said Azulai's landlord.

"Ask her why she hasn't paid me since December," said the landlord, Kevin Kelley, adding that he even reduced the monthly fee to help Ozzie's remain in the neighborhood. "You do someone a favor and they completely take advantage."

Azulai did not respond to several calls seeking comment — but court documents indicate that she and co-owner Allon Azulai have been struggling financially.

Last year, National Grid sued her for not paying heating bills. The duo then announced a few months ago that it would lease half of the Fifth Avenue Ozzie's location to a Beauty Bar. And in April, the owners paid out a \$15,500 settlement to a former employee after he sued, alleging that they discriminated against him because he tried to unionize the shop.

Loyal customers weren't sure why Ozzie's was closing, but the Starbucks-bashing regulars mourned the loss of the neighborhood institution.

"Love affairs and business deals have happened here," said coffee fan Malcolm Smart. "I have some sadness about it closing — but, also, life moves on."

Azulai noted in her farewell sign that she "will be opening her own coffee house nearby!!!" — and nearby it is: the former Taqueria space one block away, The Brooklyn Paper has learned.

Community Newspaper Group / Alfred Ng

### NAVY YARD

## New look for Navy Yards

By Kate Briquelet  
The Brooklyn Paper

Curved buildings with mushroom roofs! Giant 3D printers spewing out ships! Swarms of high-tech workers making electric cars!

It's all part of "Super Dock," a futuristic science park designed by radical eco-architect Mitchell Joachim.

"There are no walls," he said. "We're merging architecture and land into the water. The entire area becomes a ballast for Brooklyn, so it can absorb water, clean it and filter it back into New York."

Joachim and two other architects at Terreform One, an urban design firm on Flatbush Avenue, believe that their 12-by-8-foot prototype is not too ahead of its time.

In fact, the project's wave-like structures are comparable to Yale's Ingalls hockey rink or JFK Airport's 1960s-era TWA terminal.

Comparable, except that the Navy Yard buildings would be topped with fungi and blend into an undulating landscape.

"On one hand, we will have a building," said architect Nurhan Gokturk, "But its roof slants further and further down until it becomes part of the dock."

In this work in progress, Super Dock consists of five dry docks in the heart of the Navy Yard. At one port, big machines would fashion entire fleets based on digital instructions.

Another dock would be a testing ground for scientists, who would flood the site with river water multiple times a day. Nearby, clean technology factories would churn out electric scooters



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Mitchell Joachim and Maria Aiolova of Terreform One have designed a cool new look for the Navy Yard.

and solar panels.

"This is a large, heavy manufacturing site," said architect Maria Aiolova. "We want to preserve it, but bring in startups to share resources and experiment with new technologies."

That might sound too fantastical for some Brooklynites, but it does fit in with the current vogue. Last month, Mayor Bloomberg announced that he was seeking engineering campuses for Governors Island, Roosevelt Island or the Brooklyn Navy Yard in exchange for the real estate. The city will select a winner by the end of this year.

But the Terreform designers said they won't bother to bid.

"We'll come out with some very strong opinions after our research is finished," Joachim said, suggesting that his proposal is more academic than practical. "For us, this is the freedom to create and think."

Joachim, a dreadlocked scientist who was named among the "15 People the Next President Should Listen To" by Wired in 2008, is responsible for a slew of avant-garde prototypes.

He once dreamed up a house made of laboratory-grown animal flesh — with sphincters for windows and doors.

He also created a 53-story model building made of a day's worth of trash in New York City, a car body made of

soy pillows, and bricks and insulation made of mushrooms.

The Navy Yard is just the latest of his schemes that herald how we will all live someday.

Currently, the yard uses the docks for ship repair and a Con Edison steam plant.

"Everyone loves the Navy Yard and wants it to become something," Joachim said. "This will be an essay about what should or shouldn't happen there."

Anyone who wants to see the model, glue pieces together or give input can visit Terreform One [33 Flatbush Ave. between Fulton Street and Lafayette Avenue in Downtown, (617) 285-0901]. For info, visit [www.terreform.org](http://www.terreform.org).

### NAVY YARD

## Gillibrand takes stand to save Fort Hamilton

### Senator seeks more feds at quiet base

By Dan MacLeod  
The Brooklyn Paper

Fort Hamilton should be transformed from a sleepy Army base best known for its private swimming pool into the city's national security hub, politicians and base officials said last week.

In a preemptive strike against an upcoming round of federal base closures, Army brass and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand demanded that federal agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security relocate to the 180-year-old Bay Ridge base.

"New York remains the number one target for terrorists around the world," said Gillibrand, a Democrat who is on the Senate Armed Services Committee. "Fort Hamilton must be in the absolute strongest possible position to withstand any cuts."

The fort is the only Army post in New York City, and one of two in the whole state — but it hasn't actually defended the city in decades.

The fort handles tests and physicals for new recruits before sending them off to their first post. It also houses a recruitment office and the Army Corps of Engineers — though the Corps spent much of the year trying to move away from the fort.

"It's more administrative," said base spokesman Bruce Hill of the fort's tenants. Roughly 1,500 people live there, he said, but, "there aren't a lot of active duty soldiers here."

As such, locals were confused as to what actually goes on at Fort Hamilton and why it needs to be saved.

"They keep troops there? Actually, I have no idea," said Maria Petsini, 40, of Bay Ridge.

The fort's commander joined Gillibrand on Aug. 17 in calling for a new strategy for the base, saying it has potential to become an important hub for national security agencies to meet in case

there is an emergency.

The commander, Col. Michael Gould, maintained that Fort Hamilton plays a role in defending the city.

"We certainly provide the federal government the capability to bring resources if asked," he said.

But no one is asking.

The Army Corps, the fort's biggest tenant, tried to pull up stakes for Manhattan earlier this year before Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) put the kibosh on the plan by adding language to an appropriations bill barring it from moving.

Without the Corps, it would have been even harder to justify the fort's existence, and with the Pen-

tagon looking to shave \$400 billion off its budget over the next decade, base closings will likely make up part of the savings.

Fort Ham was on the chopping block when the federal base closing panel last met in 2005, but was ultimately spared — partially because of the presence of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Gillibrand said having anti-terrorist agencies on the base would help justify its role.

"To have Homeland Security here would actively keep New York safe," said Gillibrand.

Homeland Security — a massive network of 22 separate federal agencies — al-



Photo by Steve Solomonson

Sen. Kristen Gillibrand favors transferring some federal agencies to Fort Hamilton rather than closing down the quiet Army base.

ready has offices across the river. Gillibrand did not explain how a move to far-flung Bay Ridge could keep the city safer. The agency did not respond to requests for comment.

An FBI spokesman confirmed that his agency had

discussed moving some national security operations to the fort, but plans were preliminary. If it did move, it would likely only be one department — not the whole headquarters.

"It works for us now, so I'd be a little surprised if we

moved a bulk of our operations to Brooklyn," said spokesman Jim Margolin, adding that his office is already centrally located. "Part of the reason we're in lower Manhattan is our proximity to federal courthouses."

— with Alfred Ng

### BENSONHURST

## Shocker! Organizers can 18th Ave. Feast

By Daniel Bush  
The Brooklyn Paper

Organizers have pulled the plug on this year's 18th Avenue Feast, quashing a decades-old tradition with a surprise Facebook post last Thursday that blamed the city for the festival's demise.

"I am sad to inform you that there will be no Feast this year," organizer Joe DeMarco wrote on a Facebook page dedicated to the annual street fair, which draws thousands of Brooklynites and hundreds of vendors to an eight-block stretch of 18th Avenue between 67th and 75th streets.

DeMarco claimed that the city dragged its feet in issuing the permits for the Feast — not giving organizers enough time to set everything up for its scheduled Aug. 25 kickoff.

"There is no time to get the 250 vendors [and] entertainers to make the feast happen and [we] are just fed up and tired," DeMarco wrote. "Sadly, another Bensonhurst



Organizers announced last week that the 18th Avenue Feast, the street festival that for years has transformed the Bensonhurst strip into a 10-day party, is cancelled.

tradition dies along with the 13th Avenue Feast and the Harway Avenue Feast."

But city officials are refuting DeMarco's allega-

tions, claiming that a conditional permit — which would have allowed organizers to go ahead with their plans — was sent to the organizers

two weeks ago.

"We sent that letter on Aug. 5," city spokeswoman Evelyn Erskine explained. "[The letter] allowed them to hold their festival."

The conditional permit, however, was contingent on organizers giving the city several "documents" that included the festival's non-profit status and liability insurance. It was unclear if those documents were produced before the Feast's cancellation.

As of Aug. 19, organizers hadn't told the city that they weren't holding the Feast, Erskine said.

Nor has anyone contacted the 62nd Precinct, which assigns more than 20 cops to the festival each day.

"There's a campaign online to blame the city, but that's not true," an NYPD source told this paper. "The permit for the feast was absolutely filed — they're just not doing it. But since they never told us that they're cancelling it, we still have to plan as if it's going to occur."

The source said many wondered if the Feast was going to happen since organizers hadn't put up the lights, banners and advertisements that are usually in place a week before the festival begins.

Attempts to contact DeMarco were unsuccessful by press time.

The cancellation, first reported by the blog Bensonhurst Bean, was announced just two days after the city confirmed that the festival would go on as planned for the full 10 days. A typo on a city website had many believing that the festival would go on, but only for one day.

Residents responded angrily to news that the festival had been shut down.

"All of a sudden it's canceled?" said a stunned Joe Maffei, the owner of Gino's Focacceria, which relies on the yearly boost in business the festival brings. "This is tradition we're talking about!"

—with Thomas Tracy

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# Knocked down in purse snatching!

## 76TH PRECINCT Carroll Gardens-Cobble Hill-Red Hook

A thief on a bike swiped the purse of a 49-year-old woman at the corner of Smith and Luquer streets on Aug. 20, knocking her down in the process.

The victim was approaching the corner at 10:50 pm when the free-wheeling thief barreled by.

The victim was between Douglass and Degraw streets at 1:30 am when the thief approached and demanded his phone.

The would-be thief allegedly threatened to punch the victim, but ran off empty-handed — only to be arrested by Officer David Sanon a short time later, police said.

**Netbook bilker**  
A crook took a Toshiba computer from a Henry Street home on Aug. 16.

The thief entered his 62-year-old victim's home between Kane and Degraw streets through an open window sometime after 11:30 am.

**Laptop swipe**  
A thief forced his way into an Amity Street apartment on Aug. 20, taking two laptops.

The perp entered the apartment between Clinton and Court streets through the front door sometime after 12:30 am.

— Thomas Tracy

## 78TH PRECINCT Park Slope

**Stick up**  
Two thugs used a fake gun to rob a bodega on Fourth Avenue on Aug. 20, said cops after they arrested the duo.

A worker told cops that the crooks entered the shop near 13th Street at 3 am, with one holding what appeared to be a gun under his shirt. Something must have spooked them because the duo then fled without taking anything.

Cops arrested the suspects and discovered the “gun” was actually just a stick.

**Purse grabber**  
A jerk snatched a purse

from a woman on Montgomery Place on Aug. 20.

The 59-year-old victim told cops she was near Eighth Avenue at 9:30 pm when the thug ran up from behind and grabbed her brown Louis Vuitton purse full of credit cards, \$150 and a cellphone.

**Window pain**  
A jerk snatched a laptop from a woman on Park Place on Aug. 20.

The 36-year-old victim told cops that she left her apartment near Fifth Avenue at 11 pm, came back the next day at noon and noticed that her window was ajar. Closer inspection revealed that her MacBook Pro, cellphone and passport were gone.

**Bike swipe**  
A scoundrel snatched a fancy bike from Eighth Street last week.

The 60-year-old cyclist told cops that he locked his apartment near Sixth Avenue on Aug. 6, then set off on an 11-day vacation. He came back and discovered his \$2,100 Cannondale bike was gone.

**Easy riders**  
At least four choppers were stolen last week:

- A thief swiped a motorcycle on Berkeley Place near Eighth Avenue overnight on Aug. 17. The owner said that he parked it at 5:30 pm, but the blue 2006 Suzuki was gone the next morning.
- Another cycle was snatched from Seventh Avenue near Union Street on Aug. 18. The bike was parked at 10 pm, but it was gone by 7 am the next day.
- A third burner was swiped from Berkeley Place overnight on Aug. 19. The 49-year-old victim told cops that he parked his black 2004 BMW motorbike near Eighth Avenue at 9:30 pm, but it was gone by 11:15 am.
- A quick-moving crook jacked a motorcycle on 11th Street in just 15 minutes on Aug. 18. The 27-year-old victim told cops that he parked the 2008 Suzuki near Seventh Avenue at 6:30 pm, but it was gone a quarter-hour later.

**Jersey side**  
A thug snatching some computer parts from a woman on Sixth Street on Aug. 16.

The lady told cops that she set down a bag — with a hard drive and a New Jersey boating license inside — in front of her apartment near Seventh Avenue at 11 pm. She left it there for a few hours, then opened her front door and discovered it gone.

**Zoo bandit**  
A thug snatched a purse and some electronics from a car near the Prospect Park Zoo on Aug. 19.

The driver told cops that she parked in the quiet stretch of Flatbush Avenue at between Empire Boulevard and Grand Army Plaza at 3:45 pm — but forgot to lock it. She came back an hour later and found her \$2,500 tan Tory Burch purse and a gray MacBook Pro gone.

**Buzz kill**  
A crook snatched a woman's purse at a bar on Ninth Street on Aug. 14.

The 34-year-old club-hopper told cops that she set down her brown leather purse at Barbes, a live mu-

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sic joint near Sixth Avenue, had a drink and came back an hour later. That was enough time for the jerk to steal her bag — along with the cellphone and \$20 inside.

**Blue bandit**  
A thug swiped a laptop at a restaurant on Fifth Avenue.

The 34-year-old victim told cops that she hung her bag on the back of her chair at Blue Ribbon restaurant near First Street just after midnight. She checked on it 15 minutes later and discovered it gone — along with the Mac laptop inside.

— Natalie O'Neill

## 77TH PRECINCT Prospect Heights

**Tunes taken**  
A jerk snatched an iPod from a teenager on Eastern Parkway on Aug. 15.

The 15-year-old victim told cops that she was near Washington Avenue at 11:20 am when the crook pushed her, snatched an iPod from her hand and ran away.

Cops arrested an 18-year-old suspect the same day.

**Sweet cash**  
A crook swiped major cash from a man on Underhill Avenue on Aug. 19.

The 23-year-old victim told cops he left his 2004 Chevrolet van unlocked near Lincoln Place at 4:30 pm and then walked into a store. He came back 20 minutes later and discovered \$2,000 — and a box of candy — gone.

**Five minutes**  
A quick-moving jerk snatched a laptop from a woman on Bergen Street on Aug. 17.

The 23-year-old victim told cops she left her apartment near Washington Avenue at 12:55 pm then came back five minutes later to find that a thief had climbed through her rear window to swipe her \$2,000 MacBook Pro.

**Ring cycle**  
A crook snatched jewelry from a Washington Avenue apartment on Aug. 15.

The 35-year-old victim told cops that she left her apartment near Prospect Place at 5:30 pm and came back five hours later to discover that a thief had climbed in through her rear window, snatched a \$200 turquoise ring and a Mac laptop.

A computer from a neighboring building was also stolen the same night.

— Natalie O'Neill

## 88TH PRECINCT Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

**Written threats**  
A note-passing bandit threatened to kill everyone inside a Myrtle Avenue Chase Bank during a harrowing Aug. 15 robbery.

The bank at Vanderbilt Avenue was open at 9:30 am when the thief walked in and slipped the teller a note reading, “Give me all 100s and 50s before I get to killing people.”

The teller followed the message to the letter, giving the thief \$2,000.

**iRob**  
Once again, thieves were snatching up iPhones like hot cakes last week. Here's what happened:

- Two thugs jumped a 32-year-old man near DeKalb Avenue and S. Oxford Street on Aug. 16, robbing him of his iPhone and wallet. The victim was talking on his phone at 12:40 am when the suspects punched him in the head, knocked him to the ground and ran off with his property.

- Three fiends plucked the cherished iPhone from a 32-year-old woman on Clinton Avenue on Aug. 16. The woman was between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues at 2:04 pm when the suspects swiped the phone in a lightning-fast attack.
- Three teens swiped an iPhone from a 22-year-old woman as she waited for the Gat Fulton Street on Aug. 17. The victim was on a bench at 8:24 pm when one of the thieves struck up a conversation. A few moments later, an accomplice walked by — snatching the smartphone.

- A thief grabbed a 35-year-old woman's iPhone at the Clinton-Washington Avenue station on Aug. 16 — but first faked out his victim by attempting to take her purse.

The woman was entering the station at 8 pm when the suspect jumped her at the turnstile, grabbing her pocketbook.

The thug punched his victim in the face repeatedly as he yanked on the bag, but then suddenly let go so he could snatch up the iPhone in the woman's hand.



ran away.

He got away the New Jersey woman's credit and medical cards.

**Double take**  
A devious tag-team swiped a woman's cellphone and wallet on Jay Street on Aug. 16.

The 27-year-old victim told police that she was near Willoughby Street at 4 pm when one thief stole her wallet and fled into the subway. Just then, another crook came from behind and plucked the mobile from her hands.

Police arrested two suspects, ages 15 and 19, at the scene.

**Gym rats**  
A shady athlete broke into three lockers at a Duffield Street gym on Aug. 21 and got away with \$500.

The victims told cops that their stuff was stolen from the Planet Fitness near Fulton Street between 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. The men had been pumping iron and returned hours later to find their lockers busted open.

The lucky thief got away with credit cards, an Android phone and Prada sneakers.

The gym makes regular appearances in our crime blotter.

**Twin thieves**  
A duo of marauders whacked a man with a glass bottle on Bergen Street on Aug. 17.

The 41-year-old victim told police that he was near Hoyt Street at 11:30 pm when the devious pair attacked him. One crook punched him and the other smashed the bottle on his head.

The victim walked to Long Island College Hospital. Police are seeking 40- and 30-year-olds suspects.

**Phone haul**  
A band of thieves beat up a man for his cellphone on Nevins Street on Aug. 15.

The 34-year-old victim told cops that he was near Pacific Street at 9:40 pm when the gang surrounded him. One of the crooks knocked him in the head and another pinched his iPhone and wallet before fleeing.

**Jump the gun**  
Two gun-toting robbers stole a diamond chain from a man on Joralemon Street on Aug. 20.

The 26-year-old victim told cops that he was near Court Street at 7:45 am when the dastardly pair approached him. One of them simulated a firearm in his waistband and said, “That chain is nice” and the other creep removed the bling from the man's neck.

Both thieves fled in a black car.

— Kate Briquetelet

## 94TH PRECINCT Greenpoint-Northside

**Subway stuff**  
Four thieves jumped a woman on the subway on Aug. 19.

The victim told cops that the group first approached her as she waited for a Brooklyn-bound L train at the Third Avenue station in Manhattan at 4 am, and accused her of bumping into them on the platform.

The woman walked away, and boarded the next train, but the gang followed her into the subway car — and all the way to the Bedford Avenue station, where they grabbed her purse, which contained an iPhone, cash and credit cards.

**Hate crime**  
A group of teens allegedly yelling homophobic slurs beat up a man on Bedford Avenue on Aug. 16. The man was near N. Seventh Street at 12:45 pm when the teenagers accosted him, screamed anti-gay obscenities and struck him with an umbrella before fleeing.

**Gunpoint mug**  
A gun-wielding thief robbed a man on Frost Street on Aug. 19.

The victim was between Humboldt Street and Woodpoint Road at around 4:30 am when the thug approached, pulled out a handgun and said, “Just give me the wallet and go — just run!”

The terrified man handed over his wallet and sprinted away.

**Armed dude**  
An armed thug held-up a man on Herbert Street on

Aug. 21.

The man was stopped near Monitor Street at 4 am by a thug with a gun who demanded his money and then fled with the stolen loot.

**Flip-flop**

A group of thugs stole a flip phone from a man on Dri-ggs Avenue on Aug. 18.

The man was near N. 11th Street at 4:30 pm when the robbers shoved him to the ground, grabbed his cellphone and ran away.

**Wedded dis**  
A heartless thief stole a woman's wedding rings and other jewels from her India Street apartment on Aug. 15.

The woman left her home between Manhattan Avenue and Frankling Street at 8:40 am and returned at 7:30 pm to find the front door open and multiple wedding rings, a gold necklace and an antique brooch gone.

**oyPhone**  
Thieves stole an iPhone from a woman on Nassau Avenue on Aug. 16.

The victim told cops that she was using the device near Humboldt Street at 10:44 pm when the thieves snatched it out of her hand and fled down Norman Avenue.

**Caffeine low**  
It turned into one expensive cup of Joe.

A woman told police that she forgot to lock her car before stepping into a coffee shop on Berry Street at N. Third Street at 5:30 pm on Aug. 19.

When she returned, she discovered the camera, credit cards and leather purse that she'd left in the unattended vehicle were missing.

— Daniel Bush

## 90TH PRECINCT Southside-Bushwick

**Bridge out**  
A cycling robber stole a woman's satchel at gunpoint on the Williamsburg Bridge bike path on Aug. 21.

The victim was on the bridge near Borinquen Place at 12:29 am, when the perp rode up to her and flashed a handgun.

“Give me your bag. What's in your hand?” he said, prompting her to comply, giving up her iPad and cellphone.

“Be quiet!” the perp ordered, demanding that she run towards Manhattan as he fled towards Brooklyn.

**Gun mug**

A robber mugged three women at gunpoint on Manhattan Avenue on Aug. 21.

The women were near Powers Street at 3:50 am when the perp pointed a silver firearm at them, demanding, “Give me your purse, give me your wallet.”

The women gave up a wallet, a purse and a phone, and the perp fled.

**Choked up**

A perp choked a man as he was entering his Leonard Street apartment on Aug. 21, and stole his phone and cash.

The victim entered his building at 4:30 am when the perp approached him put him in a chokehold.

The thief took the victim's phone and \$60, and ran down Meserole Street.

**Cell hell**

A thief choked a man on S. Second Street and stole his phone on Aug. 20.

The victim was near Hooper Street at 2 am when the perp grabbed him from behind and put him in a chokehold.

The perp grabbed his phone and ran away.

**Cop rocked**

A wily thief pretending to be a cop stole \$200 from a man on Union Avenue on Aug. 19.

The victim was near Meserole Street at 10 am when the perp approached him and displayed a badge.

“I'm doing an investigation and I'm a cop,” he said before asking for the victim's address. “Do you have any money on you now?”

The victim took out \$200 from his wallet and the perp grabbed it, saying, “I'll be right back.”

Instead he ran down Union Avenue, leaving his victim bewildered and in need of some real police.

— Aaron Short

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## THE WORLD’S BEST CYCLONES COVERAGE

# Walk off homer lifts Cyclones back into it

### Homer by Valdez is big disaster for Valley Cats

**By Gersh Kuntzman**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

It was a bit of an up and down week for the Cyclones, who are chasing not only the hated Staten Island Yankees for the McNamara Division crown, but are also trying to remain close to the pesky Williamsport Crosscutters, who hold a slim lead in the race for the New York–Penn League’s lone wild-card berth.

After dropping two games to the Tri-City Valley Cats — including falling in a one-hitter last Saturday night — the Cyclones stormed back in what we are calling the Game of the Week.

Here’s how the action went down.

**Cyclones 3**  
**Valley Cats 2 (8 inns.)**  
*Aug. 22 at MCU Park*

A walk-off extra-inning homer provided the Cyclones with a big win — and kept the team’s slim playoff chances alive.

Clone pitchers kept the Cats at bay all night, with starter Marcos

Camarena giving up all three Tri-City hits in his five innings. Camarena was solid, though Tri-City jumped ahead to a 2–0 lead.

The Cyclones tied the game in the fifth. Ismael Tijerina led off with a single, Tillman Pugh walked and T.J. Rivera singled to load the bases.

Javier Rodriguez then doubled home two runs, but the rally fizzled when Richard Lucas was called out on strikes (then ejected for arguing the call).

“You saw the frustration tonight,” said manager Rich Donnelly. “That’s what pennant races are all about. Guys get upset more now than they do in June. You’re playing for something, and you know it, so you get irritated. That’s baseball.”

The Cyclone bullpen was solid, yielding no hits over the final three frames. Jack Leathersich, who had struck out 20 in his prior 8-2/3 innings, pitched two shutout innings, striking out two more.

“He’s done great all year,” Donnelly said. “He’s on a strict two-inning limit, but he’s got a great arm.”

When his innings were done, Leathersich was relieved by Todd Weldon, who pitched a one-two-three eighth.

That set up Amauris Valdez’s heroics, sending a shot to left that just cleared the fence to win the game.

“That home run salvaged the night,” Donnelly said.

The win kept the Cyclones within one-and-a-half games of Williamsport for the league’s lone wild-card berth. The Cyclones could win the McNamara Division outright — if they could close a three-and-a-half-game gap with the Yankees with just 14 to play.

Better still, the pesky Crosscutters got swept in a doubleheader on Tuesday night — though the Cyclones only picked up a half-game because Brooklyn fell to Tri-City (again) in Troy, 7–4.

**UPS AND DOWNS**

On the bright side, the day after **Richard Lucas** was tossed for arguing a call, he came back the next night and hit a solo shot, his sixth of



Amauris Valdez — our hero.

the year. ... Shortstop **Daniel Muno** has cooled off a bit, but he’s still hitting .332 for the year. ... Talking of hot (at the plate and in the locker room), **Brandon Brown** is batting .364 over his last 10 games, including two homers. ... Overall, Brooklyn is third in the league in hitting, with a .261 team average, and has managed to dramatically cut back on strikeouts, now ranking in the middle of the New York–Penn League pack. The team’s 37 homers is pretty good, from a historical perspective (though nothing compared to last year’s outlier team, which smacked a record 64 four-baggers).

The Cyclones return to MCU Park [1904 Surf Ave. at W. 17th Street in Coney Island, (718) 449-8497] on Friday, Aug. 26 at 7 pm; Sunday, Aug. 28 at 5 pm; and Monday, Aug. 29 at 7 pm. For info, visit [www.brooklyncyclones.com](http://www.brooklyncyclones.com).

# The bat boy is a dog!

**By Dan MacLeod**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Yeah, but can he hit?

The official “spokes-dog” for the Canines for Veterans played fetch with the Cyclones at last Wednesday’s game against the Jamestown Jammers, retrieving bats for two players and giving Brooklyn bat boys Mark Ross and Jordan Torres a run for their money.

“It was crazy. I thought he was going to go out and bite the shortstop,” said second baseman Carlos Leyva. “It was fun to watch.”

Titus, a Labrador mix, who is about 4, probably has as good a chance of hitting a pitch as the Clones do right now, but his training has given him plenty of other skills, his owner said.

“They can pick up things as small as the backs of earrings; they can pull wheelchairs, turn on and off lights using single words commands,”

said Rick Hairston, the president of Carolina Canines for Service, a group that saves dogs from shelters and trains them to be service dogs for veterans.

“They can load a washing machine and unload the dryer.”

Titus is also a bat dog for

the Charleston River Dogs and made an appearance at MCU Park on a night that honored local veteran Leslie Smith before the 5-2 Cyclones win.

Titus retrieved bats for center-fielder Chase Greene and shortstop Danny Muno.



Atta boy! Special guest Titus retrieves centerfielder Chase Greene’s bat at last Wednesday’s game against the Jamestown Jammers.

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# We're yesterday's news!

## Brooklyn Paper keeps Brooklyn Bridge Park clean and green

**By Kim Lightbody**  
*for The Brooklyn Paper*

The Brooklyn Paper doesn't just do a great job covering hard-hitting news and information—it also does a number on weeds!

Gardeners in Brooklyn Bridge Park are using our usually useless old issues, burying them under a thin layer of dirt to keep the grounds clear of unsightly growths.

Wetting sheets of the thin paper and covering them—a method technically known as “sheet mulching”—blocks sunlight from nourishing would-be weeds while still allowing other plants to breathe.

“It keep the weeds at bay—and it decomposes naturally,” said Kara Gilmour of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy. “It's the perfect storm!”

Of course, even the best newspaper isn't invincible—*fallopia japonica*, a pernicious Japanese pest, still manages to poke through the paper's pages—but at least we have an answer to the age-old question: “What good is yesterday's news?”



Gardeners like Linda Marcellino are using the formidable Brooklyn Paper to prevent weeds from growing in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

Photo by Bess Adler

# Ridgites battle city over new street garbage cans

**By Dan MacLeod**  
*The Brooklyn Paper*

Members of a local civic group say trash is piling up on the corner of Fourth Avenue and 69th Street since the city re-installed two garbage cans there, but the Department of Sanitation says the new bins have helped keep the area so clean that it plans on adding even more cans to the area.

Public garbage cans were removed by the city at the request of Community Board 10 earlier in the year as part of a study to determine if getting rid of the cans would make the area cleaner. Members of the board claimed that the bins attracted household trash and quickly became overfilled. But nearly as soon as the cans were gone, new baskets with smaller holes on top to deter mass dumping appeared—at the request of state Sen. Marty Golden (R-Bay Ridge).

Now, the city says the streets are cleaner, the small-mouthed cans are here to stay, and that there are more to come.

“We will be adding two more baskets across the street,” said Sanitation Department spokesman Matthew LiPani. “Overall, the streets are cleaner, and there is less household waste being placed on the corners.”

But Greg Ahl, chairman of CB10's environmental committee, disagrees, saying trash is again piling up on the corners.

“It's just the way we thought it would be,” he said. “I guess they're just ignoring us.”

Household and commercial trash piles up on the corners near the baskets “several times a week,” he said. “The city does not pick up enough. And the cans do attract dumping.”

CB10 District Manager Josephine Beckmann backed him up, saying that trash has long been a problem on Bay Ridge Avenue, and the removal of cans had helped improve the situation.

“I forwarded this to Sanitation and said we need to look at this in the fall,” said Beckmann. “In many ways, 69th Street looked better without [the trash cans].”

The idea of removing trash cans from streets started three years ago in Bensonhurst, where Community Board 11 successfully lobbied the city to remove cans along 86th Street. But the movement really picked up when the city cut collections from public trash cans from up to three times a day to once or twice a week.

In May, Bay Ridge requested that the Department of Sanitation remove 14 trash cans from Fourth Avenue between Ovington Avenue and 68th Street as part of a test to see if the removal of the cans—which had become magnets for household trash—reduced waste.

At first, litter increased. But in June, CB10's environmental committee said it had finally started to see a difference.

The city soon replaced cans by the 69th Street R station after Golden sent a letter to the city requesting it put the cans back.



Trash cans are once again overflowing on the corner of Fourth Avenue and 69th Street after the city restores street cans.

Courtesy of Greg Ahl



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## Hook's rockin'

Who says old school print newspapers are good for nothing?

On Aug. 28, the fledgling Red Hook Star-Review, published by local drummer and good guy, George Fiala, will host an all-day music festival at Urban Meadow Park.

The concert is an extension of the weekly Thursday night jam at the Union Street venue, also hosted by Fiala.

"We have a lot of very good musicians that come here," said Fiala. "It's been a great way to build musical relationships."

The festival will include acoustic folk from Jay Tanner, jazz from Amanda Cole, indie rockers The Middle Eight, folk rock from The Rusty Hooks, and drummer Fiala's own rock band, Union.

Besides taking in the music, you can have as much pizza and hot dogs as you like.

"It's my way of giving back," said Fiala.

So show up on Sunday and take advantage of one newspaperman's largesse. Our largesse? We covered Fiala's event, didn't we?

*Red Hook Star-Review Music Fest at Urban Meadow Park (Van Brunt and President streets in the Columbia Street Waterfront District, no phone), Aug. 28, noon–6 pm. Tickets \$10. For info, visit [www.redhookstar.com](http://www.redhookstar.com).*

— Meredith Deliso

CINEMA

## Tawkin' tough

Brooklyn Heights filmmaker Heather Quinlan is getting to the bottom of the New York accent in her unfinished documentary, "If These Knishes Could Talk" — and lets native speakers tell it like it is!

"The accent captures the public's imagination all over the world," Quinlan said. "When people travel, it's cool to be a New Yorker. The image is that we're a city of Serpico and Godfathers!"

To explore how the accent is evolving — or disappearing — as the city gentrifies, Quinlan chatted up Pete Hamill, Joe Franklin, and Pat Cooper. But the charming film is also a hodgepodge of average Joes, including a deaf New Yorker who contends that people here use sign language faster and with more cursing.

And then there's a Korean sanitation worker who grew up on Staten Island and sounds like Robert DeNiro.

A 25-minute version of the film is showing at the Art of Brooklyn film festival in Brooklyn Heights on Saturday.

"If These Knishes Could Talk" at St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. at Court Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 522-2300], Aug. 27 at 4:30 pm. Tickets \$15 (\$12 in advance). For info, visit [www.parkslopefilms.com](http://www.parkslopefilms.com).

— Kate Briquet

FESTIVAL

## Austro-hungry

Experience a Viennese tradition, without the nine-hour plane ride.

The Vienna Music Film Festival, a two-month long outdoor classical music and opera event in the Austrian capital, comes to the city for one day this month, on Aug. 29 at Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The park's iconic skyline views were one of the main draws for festival organizers.

"We're looking forward to providing

a glimpse of what Austrian and European opera houses have been presenting within the last few years at such an astoundingly beautiful location," said Ruth Pfletschinger, the executive director of the International Music and Media Centre, which is making its North American debut.

The evening will feature screenings of classical concerts and opera performances, including excerpts from "Carmen," "Rigoletto," "La Bohème," and "Don Giovanni," plus traditional Austrian cuisine, which pretty much begins with wienerschnitzel and ends with Linzer torte.

Vienna Music Film Festival NY at Brooklyn Bridge Park (Pier 1 at the foot of Old Fulton Street in DUMBO), Aug. 29 at 7 pm. Free. For info, visit [www.imz.at](http://www.imz.at).

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# Noodle town!

*Brooklyn is the hot place for steaming bowls of ramen*

By Sarah Zorn

for The Brooklyn Paper

Wood burning, thin-crust pizzas. Cupcakes. The locavore movement. Fifteen-dollar cocktails with exotic citrus and herb infusions. Gourmet Cup O' Noodles?

Of the various culinary trends that have recently whipped their way through Brooklyn's fickle food scene, luxury ramen seems next in line for a major take-off.

Heavyweight chefs like Morimoto alums David Koon and Jamison Blankenship, owners of the upcoming Chuko in Prospect Heights, and Jean Georges vet Akihiro Moroto (currently at ZuZu Ramen in Park Slope), have gotten into the noodle game, turning the perception of ramen as four-for-a-dollar dehydrated dorm room grub on its head.

"We want to do ramen in a way that really shows off the ingredients and techniques we use," said Blankenship. "In some ways we want to elevate it — not exactly change it — but source the best ingredients we can. There's not much that goes into a bowl of ramen; the broth, the noodles, some toppings. We really want to make every component truly great."

Traditionally consisting of chewy wheat noodles deposited in steaming bowls of pork bone (tonkatsu), salt (shio), or soy (shoyu) based broth, and topped sparingly with goodies like char sui pork, boiled eggs, bamboo shoots and seaweed, ramen is considered to be an essential soul food of Japan.

"It's been around longer than this country has, certainly much longer than those dry noodle packets," said Jason Crew, co-owner of ZuZu Ramen. "Our chef, Akihiro, grew up helping in his fathers ramen shop,



so he really respects that tradition — but as a great chef, adds plenty of his own flair."

At the critically acclaimed ZuZu, that translates to best-selling broths of Akihiro's own invention, like Green Curry Miso, Garlic Soy, and Hot and Sour Ramen with tomatoes, Thai basil and lemongrass.

"Those are some of our real mainstays — Akihiro changes everything else according to season," said Crew.

That's not to say the only way to enjoy souped-up ramen in Brooklyn is with a big-name chef at the head.

Unassuming neighborhood places like Tengu Sushi and Noodle House in Bay Ridge, Hand-pull Noodle and Dumpling House in Bensonhurst, and Waza Sushi and Noodles in Clinton Hill have all jumped on the ramen bandwagon, serving up affordable, quality bowls, with no help from quick-cooking pasta blocks or sodium saturated powder.

"Our broths are simmered all day long, and are made with 10 or 12 real ingredients," said Tengu owner, Johnny Lee. "Our noodles are made fresh, from flour, not frozen, or from a warehouse. The fact is, a lot of people in the Asian community don't like MSG or artificial flavorings in their food, and I think more and more people feel that way in general."

Of course, there will always be naysayers, unwilling to fork over more than a couple of dollars for a meal with such bargain basement connotations — but noodle visionaries like Jamison hope the ramen movement is more than a passing craze.

"The ramen shop in Japan is like the diner in Brooklyn," he said. "It's the soul of the neighborhood. Our greatest goal is to be that for our community."

Photos by Stefano Govanini

**Top ramen:** David Koons (left) and Jamison Blankenship will soon open Chuko, the most-anticipated ramen restaurant opening in Brooklyn in, well, ever.

## Your guide to the best noodles in town

Manhattan may be home to such esteemed ramen-temples as Ippudo and Momofuku, but these slurp-worthy spots make Brooklyn a true noodle destination:

### ZuZu Ramen

Executive chef Akihiro Moroto brings some serious cred to this Park Slope noodle temple — which, oddly enough, shares owners with the nearby Aussie eatery, Sheep Station. The classically trained Moroto grew up helping out at his fathers



ramen restaurant in Japan, and now plies the PS crowd with impeccable bowls of green curry miso, garlic soy, and hot and sour ramen, as well as the house special "ZuZu Ramen," with char sui pork, slow cooked egg, and bamboo shoots, in a smoky dashi broth.

ZuZu [173 Fourth Ave. at Degraw Street in Park Slope, (718) 398-9898].

### Tengu Sushi

This four-month-old Bay Ridge contender one-ups the area competition — ie: a veritable army of sushi spots — with a tasty array of broth and noodle combinations. Options include a classic tonkatsu ramen with char sui, grilled pork chop, or pork belly, shrimp tempura or roasted duck in a shoyu broth, and tofu, grilled chicken, or pork katsu in miso.

Tengu [5920 Fort Hamilton Pkway, at 60th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 633-3336].

### Hand-Pull Noodle and Dumpling House

You can't beat this humble Bensonhurst joint for freshness — noodle dough is mixed, stretched and cut by hand right before your eyes, before being deposited alongside goodies like spare rib, five spice pork, head-on shrimp, and baby

bok choy in generous bowls of glistening, primarily beef-based broth. You also can't beat it for value; the most expensive items on the menu — hand pull noodles with seafood, or the house special combo with beef, tripe, tendon, pork chop, and egg — go for a mere \$6.75.

Hand-Pull House [7201 18th Ave. near 72nd Street in Bensonhurst, (718) 232-6191].

### Waza Sushi and Ramen

Fort Greene steps up its Japanese noodle soup game with this spanking new spot, serving heaping, \$9 ramen bowls in hot, cold, and spicy iterations. The new blood isn't messing around — Waza is the Japanese word for technique — or the proper way of doing something.

Waza [485 Myrtle Ave. between Hall Place and Ryerson Street in Clinton Hill, (718) 399-9292].



**Bowled over:** At Tengu Sushi and Noodle House in Bay Ridge, you can get ramen soups in all manner of configurations.

### Chuko Ramen

Jamison Blankenship and David Koon, who were, respectively, chef de cuisine and executive sous chef at the 10th Avenue palace of Asian cuisine, promise that their restaurant will serve up luxuriously simple bowls of ramen. "Each broth will be long-simmered, using antibiotic and hormone-free meat," said Koon. "We've even had noodles specially

designed for us, a different one for each broth, to ensure maximum chewiness, contrast, and flavor. It may seem unnecessary, but when you only have three things in a bowl, the details really matter." Prices will be a bit steeper than others, but early buzz is that it'll be worth it.

Chuko [552 Vanderbilt Ave. near Dean Street in Prospect Heights, (718) 576-6701].

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SATURDAY  
August 27



Ship hits fans

Let's face it, you only think about freedom and liberty on July 4 — and even then with a mouth full of hot dog. So take a moment to honor some real heroes — the thousands of Americans who died on British prison ships during the Revolutionary War. Yes, it's the annual commemoration at Fort Greene Park — and Rep. Ed Towns will be there, too.

10 am. Prison Ship Martyr's Memorial at the Monument in Fort Greene Park [Enter at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park, (718) 833-4928]. For info, visit [www.prisonship-martyrs.com](http://www.prisonship-martyrs.com).

SUNDAY  
August 28

Green day

Cee Lo Green, the charismatic crooner behind the hit track "Forget You" (which also goes by a better name we can't print here), is the headliner of tonight's closing night of the Afro-Punk Festival in Commodore Barry Park — and it's all free. Toshi Reagon also does a set at 7:30 pm, just before Cee Lo (pictured) gets us all moving.

11 am-8 pm. Afro-Punk Festival: Cee-Lo Green, Santigold, Janelle Monae and more play during this music extravaganza. Free. 11 am. Commodore Barry Park (Flushing Avenue and Navy Street in Fort Greene), [www.afropunk.com](http://www.afropunk.com).



MONDAY  
August 29



Man's world

The second annual Mr. Transman competition returns for a celebration of female-to-male beauty. Hosted by Murray Hill, the pageant will feature five contestants competing in Platform, Swimsuit, Interview, Talent and Evening Wear. The winner gets a photo spread in the seminal transman magazine, "Original Plumbing," just as Kit Yan (pictured) got last year.

8 pm. Mr. Transman 2011 at the Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Avenue in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696]. Tickets \$18. For info, visit [www.mrshowbiz.com](http://www.mrshowbiz.com).

WEDNESDAY  
August 31

Big books

It's a book double-header tonight, with Jane Fonda biographer Patricia Bosworth reading from her book, "The Private Life of a Public Woman," while Friend of the Paper, Myla Goldberg (pictured), belts out some choice words from her new book, "The False Friend." We've loved Goldberg ever since we called her "The new 'It' Girl of Brooklyn Literature" — and it's still true!

7 pm. Patricia Bosworth at PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049]; 7:30 pm. Myla Goldberg at Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].



THURSDAY  
September 1



Arnold time

Arnold Schwarzenegger may be the ultimate macho movie star, but that doesn't mean he couldn't do without some feathers and glitter — so the Casino O'Fortune Cookie burlesque troupe is hosting a leather and pasties-filled tribute to Ahnald at the Coney Island Sideshow. Organizers say they were inspired by the scene in "Terminator" where Schwarzenegger's machine character orders a guy to give up his clothes.

9 pm. "Hasta La Vista Baby: Schwarzenegger Burlesque!" at Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159]. Tickets \$12.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN



One-woman wonder: K.Fl原因 brings her "hipster-hop" to Glasslands in Williamsburg on Aug. 28.

[www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

FRI, AUG. 26

TRILOK ARTIST MARKET: Peruse clothes, artwork, jewelry and hand-crafted items. 10 am–5 pm. [143 Waverly Ave. between Myrtle and Park avenues in Fort Greene, (646) 643-0302/(646) 750-5672].

MUSIC, QUATRO NA BOSSA: 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

MUSIC, AMY STEINBERG, JACLYN DIMA, RANDY JOHNSTON'S PURSUITS UNKNOWN, ANDI RAE AND THE BACK RIVER BULLIES: Free. 7 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], [www.freddysbar.com](http://www.freddysbar.com).

READING, EVAN HUGHES: Author of "Literary Brooklyn." Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], [greenlightbookstore.com](http://greenlightbookstore.com).

MUSIC, DENIZ TEK, IVAN JULIAN: \$12. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

MUSIC, MAMIE MINCH: 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

MUSIC, HOWARD ALDEN'S JAZZ GUITAR SUMMIT WITH BUCKY PIZZARELLI AND JACK WILKINS: \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$15 students). 8 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], [www.bargemusic.org](http://www.bargemusic.org).

NEW BEARD, LAVALIER: \$8. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

MUSIC, BARNYARD BROTHERS, CHRIS Q. MURPHY & HIS FIENDISH THINGIES, BRIAN ELMQUIST, ANDY ZIFF: \$5. 8 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": Porpen-tine Theater Co. trades a desert for a rooftop in its production of Shakespeare's classic. \$10. 8 pm. The Roof (242 Green St. between McGuinness Boulevard and Provost Street in Greenpoint), [www.brown-papertickets.com/event/191895](http://www.brown-papertickets.com/event/191895).

DICK ZIGUN'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS: The "mayor" of Coney Island delivers his annual address, dubbed "Part performance-art, part playful people's politics." \$5. 8 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], [www.coneyisland.com](http://www.coneyisland.com).

MUSIC, BUFFALO STANCE, CHAN-DELIER: \$10. 8:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], [ny.knittingfactory.com](http://ny.knittingfactory.com).

MUSIC, GRETA GERTLER: 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177],

SAT, AUG. 27

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

NATURE WALK: Hunt for purple-flower raspberries with "Wildman" Steve Brill." Reservations required. \$20 (\$10 children under 12). 11:45 am. Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (914) 835-2153], [www.wildmanstevebrill.com](http://www.wildmanstevebrill.com).

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, AFRO-PUNK FESTIVAL: Cee-Lo Green, Santigold, Janelle Monae and more play during this music extravaganza. Free. 11 am. Commodore Barry Park (Flushing Avenue and Navy Street in Fort Greene), [www.afropunk.com](http://www.afropunk.com).

MUSIC, BROOKLYN LOVES MI-CHAE JACKSON: Celebrate the King of Pop's birthday at this Spike Lee joint. Free. Noon–6 pm. Prospect Park [16th Street and Prospect Park Southwest in Park Slope, (718) 965-8951], [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org).

MUSIC, APOLLO RUN AND GUESTS: Free. 3 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

MUSIC, RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR: \$15. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

MUSIC, CREE RIDER: 8 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], [www.petescandystore.com](http://www.petescandystore.com).

MUSIC, BROTHERS PAST: \$10. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], [www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com).

MUSIC, RICHARD BUCKNER AND DAVID KILGOUR: \$15. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

THEATER, "THE TEMPEST": 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

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ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–4 pm. [70 N. Seventh St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (917) 301-5765], [artistsandfleas.com](http://artistsandfleas.com).

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FORT GREENE PARK GREENMARKET: 8 am–4 pm. [Washington Park between DeKalb and Willoughby avenues in Fort Greene, (212) 788-7476], [www.growwnyc.org](http://www.growwnyc.org).

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# Simply the best burger in NYC!

## Learn to make your own mouth-watering burger fit for any New Yorker

A few weeks ago, I was asked to compete in the Macy's annual "Battle of the Burger" in Herald Square. I never really considered myself a burger aficionado, so I wanted to come up with something that was different.

### Prime Time

By Joe Raiola

Oh, by the way, I won.

This may come as a surprise to my readers, given that earlier this year, I gave you what I then considered to be my "perfect" burger recipe. Don't get me wrong, it's a great burger. But when I go to-que-to-que with some of the best burger restaurant chefs in the city, I want to bring my A+ game.

Who knew it would all revolve around cream cheese? Hey, don't laugh — it won!

Let's talk about the burger first. There are many different blends of meat, but a mix with brisket and/or short rib gives you that real burger flavor.

But to each his own, right? If you want more of a chopped steak flavor, go with ground chuck or chopped sirloin.

But whatever taste you're going for, use a blend that's 80 percent meat and 20 percent fat. This will give you the perfect amount of fat so the burger does not dry out.

People think they can fudge this mix, but you can't: Any more meat and it's too dry; any less fat and the juices will all cook out and you'll get a small burger.

And it doesn't matter if you are grilling outside, cooking in a frying pan, or broiling, the same principles apply: Start with really high heat to seal in the juices, then lower the heat as you cook. You do not want to have to keep flipping the burger because it may break, letting the juices escape like Frank Morris from Alcatraz.

Now, let's cook:



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1/2 tsp. black pepper  
6 ounces cream cheese  
4 tbs. scallions, sliced thin  
1/2 cup soy or canola oil

3 large jalapenos, sliced 1/8 inch thick on a bias and deseeded  
1 cup flour  
4 ounces pasteurized eggs  
1/2 cup coarse grain yellow cornmeal  
8 slices bacon  
4 brioché rolls  
4 tbs. whole unsalted butter  
1 head Boston lettuce

Preheat oven to 375. Mix the first four ingredients together in a bowl. Set aside. In another smaller bowl, work the cream cheese and scallion together with your hands. Set aside. Scale out roughly nine ounces of meat for each burger. Mold them just a bit larger than the bun, then make a crust-like rim around the burger so it resembles a small pizza shell. The "crust" should be about a half-inch wide. Now take 1/4 of the cream cheese mixture and form a disk and place it on your burger. Fold the "crust" over the cream cheese very gently until the cream cheese disk is in the middle of your burger. Make sure there are no cracks in the burger and it is a uniform shape. Repeat three more times. Put your four burgers in the fridge to set, about 10 minutes or so.

Meanwhile place the bacon on sheet pan in the oven. Pour the oil in a medium sauté pan over medium heat. While that is going, coat your sliced jalapenos with about three tablespoons of flour. Mix the remaining flour with the cornmeal. Drop the dusted jalapenos in the eggs, then

in the cornmeal. The jalapeno slices should now be covered completely with the cornmeal mixture. Pan fry them for about a minute or so on each side. You are looking for a golden brown color. Place them on a paper towel and set aside. Take the crispy bacon out of the oven and place it with the jalapenos.

Gently place the burgers on a hot, oiled grill or broiler and cook for three to four minutes on each side. Do not press down too hard on the burgers during cooking because this will cause the cheese to run out. While your burgers are on the grill, slice the buns in half, butter the cut side, and put them on a sheet pan butter side down on the bottom of your oven and toast them till they are browned.

Lastly, place a piece of the bib lettuce on the bottom bun followed by the burger, another piece of lettuce, three jalapeno slices and then the bacon.

Joe Raiola is the executive chef at Morton's The Steakhouse [339 Adams St. between Willoughby and Tillary streets in Downtown, (718) 596-2700].



**Free-roamers:** Christina and Peter Lekkas have opened Purbird in the cursed corner of Sixth Avenue at St. Marks Avenue in Park Slope. But with sandwiches like the yummy chicken burger (right), they've got nothing to worry about.



# No chicken little

## This Sixth Ave. spot is a poultry palace

By Sarah Zorn  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Do you feel like chicken tonight?

Antibiotic and hormone-free poultry enthusiasts are well advised to fly on over to Purbird, Park Slope's newest addition to the consciousness raising, "slow fast food" movement.

The free-roaming chicken hut boasts a concise menu — flame-grilled chicken, chicken thigh wraps, chicken burgers, chicken sausages, and chicken pie — and made-to-order sides, salads and sauces with all-natural and organic ingredients.

"The people in this neighborhood are incredibly discerning about their food," said owner Christina Lekkas, who, along with husband Peter, also runs

the acclaimed Elia restaurant in Bay Ridge.

"It's something I prepared myself for before we even opened," she said. "Park Slope people want to know where the ingredients are from, how you're cooking them, who's cooking them. Luckily the response has been good — they've been pleased with my answers, and the product!"

It's no wonder, considering Purbird has been almost 10 years in the making.

The ultimate chicken aficionado, Lekkas has long dreamt of opening a restaurant where poultry was more than an overdone, underwhelming afterthought.

"More often than not, when you order chicken, it's dry, greasy, or a below-average bird to begin with," said Lekkas. "For me, the idea was to create a menu where every single item is made with perfectly cooked chicken."

Elia chef, Ivan Martinez, has helped her realize her vision, creating an elaborate brining system for the chickens, mixing white and dark meat to form the perfect burger, and whipping up a frequently changing roster of house-made sauces and condiments, like quince chutney, jalapeno/caper puree, and cherry ketchup.

"The food is simple and accessible, yet interesting and unique at the same time," said Purbird customer Martin Doyle of St. Johns Place. "Kids and their parents can both really enjoy themselves here."

In Park Slope, there's no higher compliment.

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# Getting it rollin'

## Unicycle Fest returns to Brooklyn

By Meredith Deliso  
The Brooklyn Paper

Dozens of unicyclists will take to the Brooklyn Bridge next month — but no, the circus isn't in town.

The curious sight is courtesy of the second annual New York City Unicyclist Festival, a weekend-long celebration of the one-wheel wonder.

"The idea was to create a fun and exciting event that brought together hundreds of unicyclists," said festival founder Keith Nelson, the ringleader of the Bindlestiff Family Circus.

It all kicks off on Sept. 2

with a ride across the Brooklyn Bridge, where most of the riders will then skillfully ride the 13 miles down to Coney Island. Last year, about 50 riders tackled the bridge, with about half then trekking the rest of the ride.

"You get laughs and stares," said Nelson. "One or two unicycles and it's kind of cute, but when you see 20 people, it goes beyond cute to something really intriguing. People wonder, 'Is the circus in town?'"

The three-day festival also includes events on Governors Island and at Grant's Tomb in Manhattan.

Enough people turned

out over the weekend last year to rival the annual National Unicycle Convention, the largest such gathering of its kind in the US, though Nelson has his sights set on other records.

"I'd love to see 100 people on unicycles crossing the Brooklyn Bridge," said Nelson. "I don't think that number has ever been achieved before."

Unicycle ride to Coney Island begins on the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn Bridge [east side of City Hall Park on Park Row, (877) 246-3537], Sept. 2, 2 pm. For info, visit [www.nycunifest.com](http://www.nycunifest.com).



**Holy roller:** Move over, two-wheelers. For Keith Nelson, it's all about the unicycle. He's organized a 13-mile unicycle ride on Sept. 2, beginning at the Brooklyn Bridge and ending in Coney Island.

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**TRILOK ARTIST MARKET:** 10 am–6 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

**OTHER**

**PRISON SHIP MARTYR’S MEMORIAL:** The 103rd commemoration, sponsored by the Society of Old Brooklynites. 10 am. Monument in Fort Greene Park [Enter at Myrtle Avenue and Washington Park in Fort Greene, (718) 833-4928], [www.prisonshipmartyrs.com](http://www.prisonshipmartyrs.com).

**FILM, “IF THESE KNISHES COULD TALK”:** A preview of a documentary on the New York accent. \$15. 4:30 pm. St. Francis College (180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200).

**SUN, AUG. 28**

**PERFORMANCE**

**MUSIC, AFRO-PUNK FESTIVAL:** 11 am. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

**MUSIC, DANZANOVA:** Virtuoso folk/klezmer quintet. \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$15 students). 3 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], [www.bargemusic.org](http://www.bargemusic.org).

**MUSIC, THE BÂD:** 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**THEATER, “THE TEMPEST”:** 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

**MUSIC, WILLIAMSBURG SALSA ORCHESTRA:** \$5. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], [www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com).

**MUSIC, DAVID VANN:** Free. 9 pm. Greenhouse Cafe [7713 Third Ave. near 77th Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 833-8200], [www.greenhousecafe.com](http://www.greenhousecafe.com).

**MUSIC, STEPHANE WREMBEL:** 9 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**SALES AND MARKETS**

**CARROLL GARDENS GREENMARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. [Carroll and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens, (212) 788-7476], [www.grownyc.org](http://www.grownyc.org).

**ARTISTS AND FLEAS:** 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

**CORTEYOU GREENMARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. [Cortelyou Road between Argyle and Rugby roads in Ditmas Park, (212) 788-7476], [www.grownyc.org](http://www.grownyc.org).

**PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

**BROOKLYN FLEA:** Vintage, antique, handmade, and food vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (27 N. 6 St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), [www.brooklynflea.com](http://www.brooklynflea.com).

**FULTON FLEA:** Featuring local designers. 11 am–6:30 pm. [Fulton St. between Fort Greene Place and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (917) 364-5648], [www.fultonflea.com](http://www.fultonflea.com).

**TRILOK ARTIST MARKET:** 11 am–5 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

**OTHER**

**STAR-REVUE MUSIC FESTIVAL:** Union featuring the drumming talents of George Fiala along with blues, country, and rock bands. Ticket includes food and refreshments. \$10. Noon–6 pm. Urban Meadow [President St. and Van Brunt Street in Red Hook, (718) 624-5568].

**SPORTS, BROOKLYN KICKBALL BENEFIT:** Buy a run and help support the Greenpoint Reformed Church’s food bank. 1–11 pm. McCarren Park (Bedford Avenue at N. 13th Street in Greenpoint).

**DRUMMING CIRCLE:** Cel-

ebrate the new harvest season by offering blessings. Wear white and bring white scarves. Free. 7 pm. Grand Army Plaza [Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 857-1343].

**VARIETY SHOW:** Featuring readings by Jeff Simmermorn, Brad Lawrence, Cyndi Freeman, burlesque performance and swordswallowing by Adam, the First Real Man. \$10. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MR. TRANSMAN COMPETITION:** It’s gender-bending entertainment. \$18. 8 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], [ny.knittingfactory.com](http://ny.knittingfactory.com).

**MUSIC, ROBBERS ON HIGH STREET:** \$5. 8 pm. Brooklyn Bowl [61 Wythe Ave. between N. 11th and N. 12th streets in Williamsburg, (718) 963-3369], [www.brooklynbowl.com](http://www.brooklynbowl.com).

**MUSIC, CHIA’S DANCE PARTY AND FRIENDS:** 9:30 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth

St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**TUES, AUG. 30**

**BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

**MUSIC, JENNY SCHEINMAN AND ROBBIE FULKES:** 7 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, GRAPHYT BLIMP, ASHEN FIGURE, GRAVEYARD LOVERS:** \$7. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, FREEZEPOP:** \$12. 8:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], [ny.knittingfactory.com](http://ny.knittingfactory.com).

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**WED, AUG. 31**

**READING, BROOKE HAUSER:** Author of “The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens.” Free. 7 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org).

**READING, PATRICIA BOSWORTH:** Author of “Jane Fonda: The Private Life of a Public Woman.” Free. 7 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], [www.powerhousearena.com](http://www.powerhousearena.com).

**READING, MYLA GOLDBERG:** Author of “The False Friend.” Free. 7:30 pm. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], [greenlightbookstore.com](http://greenlightbookstore.com).

**MUSIC, KYOKO KITAMURA:** \$10. 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, ROOTS & RUCKUS:** Night of folk, old-time and blues music. \$10. 9 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).

**MUSIC, THE MANDINGO AMBASSADORS:** 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, ROB GENTRY:** 10 pm. Pete’s Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], [www.petescandystore.com](http://www.petescandystore.com).

**THURS, SEPT. 1**

**BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET:** 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

**TOUR, TWILIGHT HOUR:** A unique and beautiful way to spend an evening. \$30. 6:30–8:45 pm. Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400 X 303], [www.prospectpark.org/audubon](http://www.prospectpark.org/audubon).

**MUSIC, IL ABANICO, SISTER’S CANARY, OMG:** \$8. 7:30 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

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**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** \$25 (\$20 seniors, \$15 students). 8 pm. Barge-music [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], [www.bargemusic.org](http://www.bargemusic.org).

**MUSIC, THE CUTE LEPERS, SOMETHING FIERCE:** \$10. 8 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], [ny.knittingfactory.com](http://ny.knittingfactory.com).

**THEATER, “THE TEMPEST”:** 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

**MUSIC, RACHELLE GARNIEZ:** 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, FRANK HOIER:** \$7. 8:30 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).

**MUSIC, KARAOKE WITH BUNNIE ENGLAND AND THE NEW ORIGINALS:** \$5. 9 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**“HASTA LA VISTA BABY — SCHWARZENEGGER BURLESQUE!”:** Casino O’Fortune Cookie Productions pays tribute to the ultimate macho movie star, with some pasties and glitter. \$12. 9 pm. Side-shows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. at W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], [casinoofortunecookie.com](http://casinoofortunecookie.com).

**MUSIC, THE WEBER BROTHERS:** \$7. 9:30 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], [www.jalopy.biz](http://www.jalopy.biz).

**MUSIC, LITVAKUS, THE SVETLANA SHMULVIAN BAND:** 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT:** 8 pm. See Thursday, Sept. 1.

**THEATER, “THE TEMPEST”:** 8 pm. See Friday, Aug. 26.

**MUSIC, THE ENGLISH BEAT:** \$25. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], [www.thebellhouseny.com](http://www.thebellhouseny.com).

**MUSIC, EL DIABLO ROBITICO, DENTEN, THOMAS BRIAN EATON:** \$10. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at

Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

**MUSIC, JOEL FORRESTER, PHILLIP JOHNSTON:** 8:30 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, HOWARD FISHMAN:** 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], [www.barbesbrooklyn.com](http://www.barbesbrooklyn.com).

**MUSIC, KARAOKE:** Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], [www.unionhallny.com](http://www.unionhallny.com).

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# MEET THE CHAMPS

Joyce Boone and Harry Wilson are the favorites in this Sunday's arm-wrestling championship at Brighton Beach. Let's meet them:

Harry Wilson	Competitor	Joyce Boone
49	Age	44
Gowanus	Hometown	Gowanus
Righty	Hand	Righty
Too many to count	Titles won	Too many to count
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To beat a world champion	Goal	To compete at the national level

# Strongest bond

These two have the best arms in the city

By Meredith Deliso  
The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about a power couple. Two of the best arm wrestlers in the state are not only from Brooklyn — but they're also boyfriend and girlfriend.

Joyce Boone and Harry Wilson have been together longer than they've been handily taking down competitors from Long Island to Niagra Falls. The two met 18 years ago — literally crossing paths while working as messengers.

It wasn't until a few years later that Wilson spontaneously joined in an arm wrestling competition during the Atlantic Antic. He won. Later, Boone gave it a shot while accompanying Wilson to a match at Nassau Coliseum. She won, too.

The Downtown couple has been mostly winning ever since, and the two look to take down their respective genders at this Sunday's Brooklyn-Kingsboro Arm Wrestling Championships, held during the Brighton Jubilee Festival.

Boone is the returning female champion, and the 44-year-old is the clear favorite to take home the \$100 prize.

"She is no less the best arm wrestler in Brooklyn and New York State and maybe the world right now," said Gene Camp, founder and president of the New York Arm Wrestling Association. "She is simply amazing."

Wilson agrees. He is Boone's biggest fan, gladly giving her the spotlight and even deferring to her responses during an interview.

"I don't think anybody in the city can beat her right-handed," said Wilson. "She wins every tournament."

Well, not every tournament. During a regrettably memorable match in 1997, Boone broke her arm — on live TV, no less — after slipping into the aptly named "broke arm position." Her right arm went down and snapped before the ref could stop the action.

"I definitely lost that one," said Boone with a shake of her head. That experience has stuck with her at every match since. "I hope I don't break my arm and just go up there and



Over the top: Joyce Boone triumphed over reporter Dan MacLeod using an Ali-esque rope-a-dope strategy. By the way, the dope was MacLeod. Referee Gersh Kuntzman called a fair contest.

# Arms race!

Let's get down to grummmmmbllllll: I got beaten by a girl.

Not just any girl — Brooklyn's pride, the Queen of Arms: arm-wrestling champion Joyce Wilson.

She and fellow arm-wrecker — and boyfriend — Harry Wilson stopped by our Downtown offices to give us a preview of Sunday's Brooklyn-Kingsboro Arm Wrestling Championships in Brighton Beach.

The preview consisted of them kicking my ass.

At least I can say I got beaten by the best. According to Gene Camp, the founder of the New York Arm Wrestling Association, Boone, 44, of Downtown, is possibly the greatest arm wrestler in the world.

And my torn supraspinatus can testify to this.

Her tactic was genius. After her beau beat me, she took advantage of my exhaustion and held my arm in place, waiting for my quivering, flabby appendage to

give out under the pressure of her massive arm, which had the power of a garbage truck's compactor, and partially dislocated my shoulder in the process.

Wilson, 49, was also an animal. He had muscles in places that I didn't even have places. No surprise that he won the Long Island Championship last month.

You may think arm wrestling is all about wearing armless shirts and quickly slamming down someone's arm, but the real pros win by wearing down their opponents.

In the end, it came down to the training. Wilson does a daily regimen of weight lifting and pullups, whereas I train by eating barbecue, chasing after the G train and watching Stallone films.

That said, there may be something to my technique.

After the bout, Wilson told me, "Kid, you had something there. I felt something."

He was probably lying, but I'll take it. — Dan Macleod

do my best," she said.

It seems to work — Boone is the best female arm wrestler in the city, holding the city's Queens of Arms title, and the state, after winning last year's Empire State Championship.

Her boyfriend's no slouch himself — the 49-year-old righty's won 25 championships, including the Long Island Championships last month. It's no surprise that the former boxer, who lifts weights and does pull-ups daily to stay in shape, has an arm like Pop-eye's on steroids.

A professional arm wrestling match isn't much different than the kind you may have done among friends to settle bets, though there are strict rules. Contestants compete either righty or lefty. Your fighting arm must be on the pad at all times, with your other hand holding onto a peg. When your competitor's hand hits the pad, you win.

Arm wrestling is hardly king of sports in this city — this competition, for instance, is occurring during a block party. So besides the modest cash prizes and free sponsor

T-shirts, what's the draw?

"I like the excitement and the attention," said Boone. "And the people are very friendly. We're like family."

As for Wilson? "The exact same thing," he said.

Brooklyn-Kingsboro Arm Wrestling Championships at the Brighton Jubilee Festival's main stage [3264 Coney Island Ave. near Brighton Beach Avenue in Brighton Beach, (718) 891-0800], Aug. 28 at 1 pm. Free to watch. For info, visit [www.nycarms.com](http://www.nycarms.com).

# They got the beat!

The English Beat comes to Brooklyn on Sept. 2

By Meredith Deliso  
The Brooklyn Paper

Man, these guys have been skanking for a long time.

Ska-revivalist legends The English Beat have been putting out records since the late 1970s, getting kids to move to frontman and "King of Ska" Dave Wakeling's message of love, unity and the odd political stance, set to its blend of pop, reggae, ska and punk influences.

Now armed with the hits "Mirror in the Bathroom," "Too Nice To Talk To," "All Out To Get Out," "Save It For Later," and covers including Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown," the six-piece (not to be confused with the American band The Beat, fronted by Paul Collins), still knows how to throw a good party.

So when the rockers come to the Bell House in Gowanus for a special



Skank on: The English beat bring its legendary ska sound to the Bell House on Sept. 2.

show on Sept. 2, make sure to bring your dancing shoes and get ready to swing your arms.

The English Beat at the Bell House

[149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], Sept. 2 at 8 pm. Tickets \$25. For info, visit, [www.thebellhousesny.com](http://www.thebellhousesny.com).



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Strong beer: Rogelio Juarez — he does it again!

# Juarez is champion

Rogelio defends mug title

By Kate Briquet  
The Brooklyn Paper

Fort Greene's strongest beer-mug holder is the neighborhood champion once again!

Rogelio Juarez defended his stein-hoisting title on Tuesday night at Der Schwarze Kölner — leading him one step closer to the national tournament.

The 49-year-old employee at the Fulton Street biergarten trounced 15 lily-armed contenders in this year's contest. Next week, he'll vie for the Brooklyn crown.

"It's no problem — I'm ready again!" said Juarez, 49, who works as a busser at the bar near Hanson Place.

Juarez clocked in at 4 minutes and 45 seconds this year, besting his previous record by

10 seconds.

The name of the game is Masskrugstemmen, which translates loosely into "beer-mug lift," and has tipplers raising a one-liter lager-filled glass mug for as long as possible.

But just like last year, Juarez was unfazed by the four giddy challengers that managed to keep up with him.

Now he'll head to Brooklyn's run-off round at Der Schwarze Kölner on Aug. 30. If he succeeds, he'll enter the national competition in Central Park on Sept. 17.

"I won't focus on trying," Juarez said. "It's mind over matter!"

Der Schwarze Kölner [710 Fulton St. at Hanson Place in Fort Greene, (347) 841-4495].

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OUR OPINION

# Enough is enough

We were disappointed that opponents of the Prospect Park West bike lane took the first step last week toward appealing a judge's dismissal of their lawsuit against the city.

Their appeal is as meritless as their chutzpah is limitless.

Foes of the two-way cycle path continue to spread misinformation about the origins of the world's most controversial bike lane, and about its inarguable success — and their inevitable appeal hinges on muddying the truth about both.

For one thing, the city built the Prospect Park West bike lane after consultation with the local community board, which had been calling for "traffic calming" along the hectic, three-lane speedway for years.

No one disputes that speeding cars on Prospect Park West were a hazard to all residents of the neighborhood. Motorists were often clocked at well over

**Foes of the Prospect Park West bike lane continue to spread misinformation about the origins and the inarguable success of the world's most controversial cycle path.**

the speed limit, and prior efforts to alter light timing were not sufficient. The roadway, which borders the park, was a catastrophe waiting to happen.

More important, the bike lane has been a success. Drivers have been tamed, the wild boulevard has been transformed into a nice neighborhood street, and cyclists are no longer riding on the wide, park-side sidewalk now that they have a two-way, protected bike lane.

The lane's origins and success reveal that the opposition is mostly driven by fear of the larger agenda of the Department of Transportation, and, specifically,

its forward-thinking commissioner, Janette Sadik-Khan, who has emerged as a punching bag for opponents of virtually any attempt at improving the urban streetscape, from bike paths to pedestrian plazas to bus-only lanes.

Yes, even in New York City, car culture is deeply rooted — so we are pleased that Khan and her team are trying to undo the damage of decades of automobile hegemony. Does Khan always succeed? Of course not. But she is fighting a battle that must be fought if we hope to regain control of our streets and neighborhoods.

It is telling that her Prospect Park West opponents — who include the pro-car former Department of Transportation Commissioner Iris Weinshall — resorted to demonizing her after they lost their battle on the merits.

"I have never seen a public servant with such hubris," their lawyer said.

In this case, the hubris belongs to the backward-thinking opponents.



Scholes Street in Williamsburg seconds after Tuesday's earthquake.

LETTERS

# Squadron didn't like our Watchtower coverage

To the editor,

The recent agreement to move Brooklyn Bridge Park forward ("News analysis: Inside the Brooklyn Bridge Park deal," Aug. 12) serves both the community and the city for a number of reasons. It improves the park's funding model and eliminates up to 80 percent of proposed luxury housing on Pier 6 and at John Street. It also provides the community with amenities that will draw visitors to the park from all over Brooklyn and the city — including a pool for at least five summers, an ice skating rink, a seasonal recreational "bubble," tennis courts,

and 2,200 square feet of community space.

The previous funding model — luxury housing, in place since long before I was elected — raised serious concerns regarding the privatization of public parks, with a small number of luxury condo residents exclusively funding the park's maintenance budget. It also created a difficult funding model to replicate in many other neighborhoods where luxury buildings are not possible. Simply put, the original plan would have made luxury parks possible in luxury neighborhoods — and nowhere else.

That is why I felt it was so important to respond to your suggestion that the new agreement is "unequal." As your editorial acknowledges ("Rich get richer," editorial, Aug. 12), the new agreement dramatically improves the previous plan. In fact, one of its major improvements is increased equity.

Unlike the previous plan, the new agreement is based on new incremental tax revenue from properties near the park. This revenue can be accessed for the city because of the increased residential demand created by the park. The

rezoning and sale of the properties near the park will increase the city's tax revenue. This incremental increase in tax revenue can occur in any neighborhood, not just Brooklyn Heights.

Even more important, for the first time this plan will use public money to fund this public park. This agreement moves away from specific luxury developments and towards a more equitable model of public funding.

Of course this agreement isn't perfect — but it reduces housing, ensures the park's completion, increases amenities, and improves the funding model. That's why it is a victory for both the park's immediate neighbors and the city at large.

**Daniel Squadron, Carroll Gardens**

*The writer is a state senator representing Brooklyn Heights, Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens.*

which might have been generated by two high-rise condo buildings which had been planned for the upland of Pier 6 in Brooklyn Bridge Park has it all upside down.

The Pier 6 condos had not been "under fire" from Brooklyn Heights (represented by the Brooklyn Heights Association) and DUMBO — it was Roy Sloane and the Cobble Hill Association who led that campaign. And it was not DUMBO and Brooklyn Heights who "helped propel Squadron into office" — it was Cobble Hill and Carroll Gardens!

The Park's consultants had suggested a special tax district from Vinegar Hill to Atlantic Avenue (so not including Cobble Hill) — that Mr. Sloane now feels Sen. Squadron "sold out the park" for finding a source of taxes other than the homeowners of Vinegar Hill, DUMBO and Brooklyn Heights seems only a measure of his spite for his northerly neighbors.

**Peter Flemming, Brooklyn Heights**

over in your online analysis of the plan to generate funds for the maintenance and operations of Brooklyn Bridge Park: The "eligible" Watchtower Society buildings must be sold no later than Dec. 31, 2013, to become applicable under the plan.

It remains to be seen how many, if any, of the 10 properties currently not zoned for residential use will have a new owner(s) by the deadline.

I also strongly object to your condemnation of the Watchtower Society and its right to sell its property to the highest bidder(s). As a religious, tax-exempt organization, the Society has the same rights as any other major and minor organized religion. Would you take the same position if Trinity Church sold its extensive real estate holdings in Manhattan?

**Ursula Hahn, Downtown**

The direct donations of Jehovah's Witnesses. We pay for the costs of the materials we publish and distribute. We pay for the billions of hours spent annually in literacy training, Bible education and disaster relief (which is not limited to properties of Witnesses).

The Society has made immense contributions to Brooklyn. There is a constant flow of tourism to the Society from all over the world. Conventions are economic windfalls; not to mention the amount of time, energy and expenses that Witnesses have expended in upgrading and maintaining all of those properties. And, finally, the fact that the Society doesn't pay taxes is the same for any other nonprofit organization.

In my personal opinion, I would think it just fine if the Society continues there as is, and doesn't sell those properties. The community doesn't deserve it.

**Carolyn Neal, Brooklyn Heights**

reporter did a fine job of representing many perspectives on the issue, including those of Martha Kamber, the executive director of the YWCA, the theater's landlord.

It is unfortunate that Ms. Kamber was not present when the community board reviewed the liquor license application. The assurances she made in the newspaper article might have altered the board's decision if expressed at our meeting.

It is also unfortunate that Roulette's legal counsel was unable to attend the meeting due to a family obligation. The theater staff who presented the application was not able to answer many of the executive committee's questions, which negatively impacted the deliberation.

As noted in some editions of your story, Community Board 2 is working with Roulette on license stipulations that address the concerns raised at the board's meeting. I look forward to a mutually satisfying resolution to the matter.

**John Dew**

*The writer is chairman of Community Board 2*

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PARENT

FAMILY CALENDAR

FRI, AUG. 26

5 pm: Writing workshop. Teens get help on writing from Author Sarah MacLean. **Free.** Barnes and Noble Park Slope [267 Seventh Ave. at Sixth Street in Park Slope, (718) 832-9066].

6:15 pm: Movie night. Shorts and a full length family appropriate movie. **Free!** The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

SAT, AUG. 27

11 am: Reading, "The Butt Book." Artie Bennett will read and sign copies of his popular children's book. **Free.** Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between S. Elliott Place and S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

Noon: Movie time. **Free.** McKinley Park Public Library [6802 Fort Hamilton Pkwy. at Ovington Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-8001], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

Noon–2 pm and 4–6 pm: Family weekend. Different themes every weekend from recycling to art. **Free.** Brooklyn Bridge Park Pier 6 [Old Fulton St. at Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 802-0603], www.nycgov-parks.org.

1–2 pm: Science power hour. **Free.** Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter

park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

1 pm: Fishing clinics for children 15 and under. **Free.** Prospect Park Audubon Center [Enter park at Lincoln Road and Ocean Avenue in Prospect Park, (718) 287-3400 X 303], www.prospectpark.org/audubon.

2–3 pm: Ezra Jack Keats hour. **Free.** Imagination Playground [Ocean Avenue and Lincoln Road in Prospect Lefferts Gardens], www.prospectpark.org.

2–3 pm: Nature crafts. **Free.** Prospect Park Audubon Center (see info above).

6 pm: Family disco night. **Free.** The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

SUN, AUG. 28

12:15 pm: Sunday singalong. Come sing, clap, dance or just watch. **Free.** The Moxie Spot [81 Atlantic Ave., between Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 923-9710], themoxiespot.com.

1–2 pm: Science power hour. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

2–3 pm: Nature crafts. See Saturday, Aug. 27.

6 pm: Bingo night. Prizes and fun for the whole family. **Free.** The Moxie Spot (see info above).

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# Divorce cracks his foundation

One of the families in our inner circle has divorced — and the shockwaves are definitely ripping across our home.

And I really can't say what will be left standing after the temblor stops.

I'm not surprised that another couple has done the Big "D." My daughters certainly have many friends with multiple homes. There were even the kids who started preschool with separated parents — imagine that: couples who break up while the kid is still an infant. Sure, they have a baby and suddenly there's less sleep, less sex, less time to connect, general increase in stress, tension, exhaustion and things just fall apart. But an infant? That's early.

With teenagers of my own, I'm conscious of entering another marital danger zone. I'm told as a home fills with adolescents, those kids become marriage stressors once again. Teens breed tension, thriving on conflict and drama, which mine eat for breakfast. My daughters' moodiness certainly leaves me unbalanced, not knowing whether I'm saying good morning to an affectionate being or a fanged creature. This spills over with my wife, making me more likely to pick a fight with her after arguing with my 16-year-old.

And as my girls spend less and less time at home, departing the familial dinner table in a flash or shunning it altogether for movies or ice cream with friends, hanging out on the Promenade or neighborhood stoops until curfew, I feel the void their absence creates. I sometimes struggle to fill the time with my wife, facing the now unfamiliar evening alone at home together. Thank goodness we have a dog who can always take another long walk.

Parenthood continuously brings changes like these to our lives. We've managed to find ways to adjust to school, sleep-away camps, parties, all the transitions that alter the way my kids spend time at home and exist as part of our family.

What's really shaken me up about my friends' divorce, though, is that it's cracked my foundation, rocked my social network. There have been articles and discussion in the press and on the web about the impact our close friends have on our behaviors — fat friends make us fat, or hanging out with smokers makes you more likely to light up. My good buddies, who I've always seen

The Dad

By Scott Sager

as walking the same life path as me, have avoided splits. My inner circle of college friends and baby groupies have held it together, until now, as we all hover around our 20th anniversaries.

Suddenly I see a couple I easily compare my marriage with. Do we go on more dates than they did? Do we fight more than they did? Do we like each other more than they did? I now feel there's a measuring tape for me to use on my life and I'm frightened by what I might learn from the comparison.

Perhaps, though, there is a nugget of wisdom to gain from my friends' misfortune. Their life together didn't seem so bad from the outside. Of course, I know every marriage is different. Gay, straight, Jewish or Protestant, you can't really understand other people's relationships or the choices they make. Even the couples who I think have perfect relationships probably don't. So maybe perfect isn't the standard to be striving for. How about just good, as in, "I have a good marriage."

Maybe divorce is like a pool party; no one wants to be the first to get in, which was a good thing. But now someone's jumped in, and I'm wondering if everyone will follow.

I worry the rearrangement of my friends' household forebodes a flood of lawyers appointments and court dates among my pals, or is a harbinger of dark days for my own marriage. Having all my close friends keeping their matrimony intact was a strength from which I didn't even realize I was drawing.

But in the face of whatever any of my peers do, if I can look at my own relationship and say, "It's no better than theirs," then I'm doomed. But if I can say, "It's just as good, and that's OK," then there's hope.

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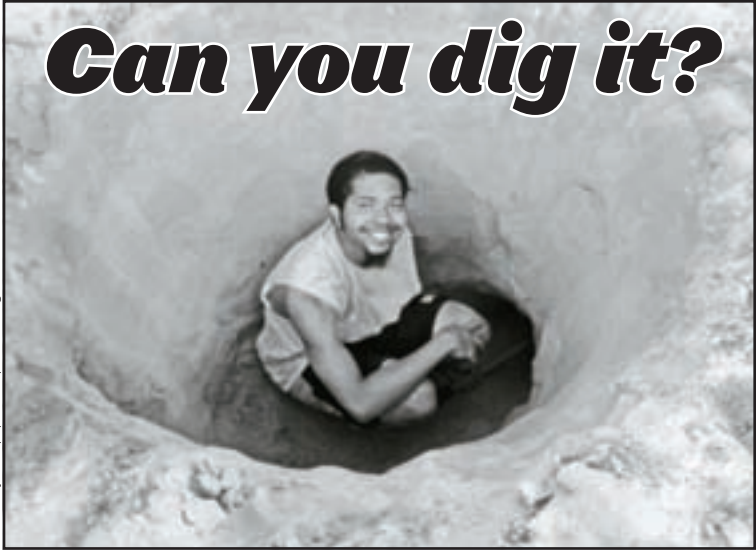
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Adrian Stuart was one of seven post-grad slackers who spent the day turning the Coney Island beach into Swiss cheese on Tuesday — part of the annual “holes” event created five years ago by a group of Brooklyn Tech HS grads. The septet dug in for a long day, spend-

ing eight hours to create a beautiful spiral tunnel that emptied into a deep hole. But don't look for the historic beach comb — Parks Department workers made the diggers restore the beach to its original pristine condition by midnight.

— Alfred Ng

# Novel approach

## Writer plasters Slope with promo fliers

By Alfred Ng  
for The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about a novel approach!

A Park Slope writer is plastering the neighborhood with fliers for her book — but the dang tome isn't even published yet.

“Park Slope’s very own Marianne Soberanis has written her first novel,” the fliers proclaim, before directing the curious to Soberanis’s website, mariannesoberanis.com.

Soberanis hopes that the fliers will help her generate a fanbase for her unpublished novel while also catching a publisher’s attention.

The latter is a longshot, apparently.

“This method won’t be successful,” a source at Penguin



Group told us. “In this day and age, you need an agent. We don’t just read stories off the street like that.”

Perhaps they should. The first week after posting her 100-odd fliers, the novice novelist was receiving phone calls from strangers and even a local photographer who of-

fered to shoot the cover of “The Sweetest Mistake.” Her website received 130 views after she put up the fliers — not bad for an investment of 12 cents a flier.

“Park Slope is a community rich with writers, and the community here is supportive [to writers],” said Soberanis.

Still, some Park Slopers were confused about the lamppost fliers.

“One couple thought I was missing — you don’t usually see a picture of somebody on a flier unless somebody is,” the novelist said.

Virtually all of the fliers have been removed by the litter police, but don’t expect to see them gone for long.

“I’m probably gonna put them up again,” Soberanis



Marianne Soberanis wrote the novel, “The Sweetest Mistake.” To promote the unpublished book, the Park Slope author has been posting fliers of herself (inset) all over the neighborhood.

stated.

But as they say in show business, never mind all that, Mrs. Lincoln — how was the play?

Well, judging from the first chapter available online, “The Sweetest Mistake” is no “Great Gatsby.”

“It’s a book about the ups and downs of life, and it explains why people do certain things,” Soberanis said. “It’s about how everything happens for a reason.”

Apparently, all you need is hope — and a good copy machine.

# QUAKE...

Continued from page 1 away,” said Rocio Alvarado, who works at Montague Street chiropractor’s office. “He was in Forest Hills [a neighborhood in Queens, a distant borough] and saw people running out of buildings. We knew right away what it was.”

This being 2011, most of the immediate reaction came in on Twitter.

“The Department of Education building just shook, and everyone is evacuating,” tweeted MsLoveBomb.

“OMG, we just had an earthquake,” tweeted John Woody (aka iAmFASHION-4ward). “The whole Downtown Brooklyn just started rocking.”

Inside the Community Newspaper Group Building at Metrotech Center at Jay Street and Myrtle Avenue, columnist Joanna DeBuono jumped out of her desk

and calmly stated, “I think that was an earthquake, and I’m outta here.”

She promptly left the building — against the wishes of her concerned co-workers. Downstairs, students and faculty from NYU-Polytechnic University gathered in the commons.

The IKEA furniture superstore in Red Hook was evacuated, as were some government buildings, including Borough Hall, though work resumed at 3 pm.

Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham felt the historic building rumble for 30 seconds.

“Immediately I knew it was an earthquake,” said the Jamaica native who said she experienced similar tremors in her homeland. “It was obvious — the building was shaking.

In the quake’s aftermath,



Workers milled about in front of Downtown office buildings, including the Transit Authority headquarters on Boerum Place.

dozens of Brooklynites huddled to an evangelical prayer station near Borough Hall and prayed for their safety.

Wounded Heart minister James Sloven, who has been proselytizing in Cadman Plaza for most of the year, pointed to a passage from Matthew 24:7 which indicates that an earthquake is a sign of the End of Days — though no one knows the exact day or hour.

Sloven is not optimistic. “I don’t think today was an accident — the weather patterns over the last 24 months have been crazy,” Sloven said. “I think there are unbelievably much more [earthquakes] to come.”

Brooklyn is on the North American plate which runs from the center of the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific. There are several smaller fault lines in the area, including two in

# CRIMES...

Continued from page 1 Don’t worry.”

The crime is part of a disturbing trend.

In the last six months, there have been nearly half-a-dozen acts of violence and harassment against gay residents in North Brooklyn.

In March, a group of teenage marauders shouted anti-gay slurs at Barrie Shortell before smashing him into a wall on Wythe and N. Fourth and nearly killing him.

Then in June, a man threw a beer bottle at three women walking on Greenpoint Av-

enue, got out of his car and followed them into a bar, threatening to fight them in the street because they were gay.

A week later, a teenager threatened a gay couple with a bat on Bedford Avenue while he was trying to park his car.

And last Wednesday, a perp smacked a man across his face with an umbrella on N. Seventh and Havemeyer streets at 1 pm. Anti-gay expletives were hurled by the thug.

Community leaders say the “horrific trend of crimes”

must be curtailed.

“Members of the [gay and lesbian] community have had beer bottles thrown at them and baseball bats waved at them,” said Greenpoint’s Democratic District Leader Lincoln Restler, who organized a speakout against the attacks. “We need to nip this in the bud.”

Police officers encouraged victims and witnesses to “come forward” regarding any bias incident that occurred. An officer with the 94th Precinct said that police were taking all attacks seriously.

“It is our goal to aggressively pursue any crime and that includes people who per-

petrate hate crimes,” said 94th Precinct Capt. Stefan Komar.

One victim named Dave, who was beaten so badly he needed reconstructive plastic surgery on the left side of his face, credited the police for diligently investigating the incident and classifying it as a hate crime.

He had also just left Metropolitan Bar last July 8 when thugs jumped him and pummeled his face, cursed at him, and stole his wallet.

“It shook me up bad — I was afraid, I still look over my shoulder,” he said. “But I love Brooklyn. I’m staying here. Nobody would ever change that.”

# HEART...

Continued from page 1 thief, you broke my heart” — a plea to the scoundrel who snatched the sturdy mountain bike she’s been pedaling for eight years.

“I need him to know that he made me cry,” said Dana, an actress who asked that her last name not be printed. “Somewhere, deep inside, that bicycle thief has

a heart.”

Now, she wants the thief — and all those black-marketeers — to know that stealing a gal’s bike can be like kidnapping her best friend. And she hopes to shake loose enough pathos to make those jerks think twice.

Dana’s two-wheeled plight began in June when she parked her revamped vin-

tage bike — which she rode to drop off her kid at school for years — in front of the Park Slope Food Co-op. She secured it with a U lock before working the late shift, but “spaced out” and left it there overnight.

It was gone the next morning.

“I was heartbroken,” she said, explaining the bicycle — which she calls “she,” like a ship — is more than just transportation: It’s deeply linked her identity and personal freedom.

It got worse. After scouring Craigslist, she finally found a replacement bicycle that — like a puppy af-

ter the family dog dies — cheered her up: A cherry-red Diamondback hybrid with a pretty little basket.

She locked the new one inside the gate of her apartment near Fourth Avenue — but it was stolen three days later.

That’s why she penned the sign — complete with a hand-drawn red heart — and framed in the exact spot her ride was snatched, saying, “Odds are, [the thief] is going to drive by again and see it.”

The double-time swindle comes after a slew of Brownstone Brooklyn cyclists — ticked-off Brook-

lyn Paper staffers and editors among them — have had bikes gershed right in front of their homes and offices, especially in warm weather months, when the illicit bike trade booms.

Workers at Ride Brooklyn on Bergen Street have heard plenty of those sad stories — and sometimes even morph into impromptu therapists when bike-jacked neighbors walk into the shop the verge of tears.

“I can’t think of many things more hurtful to steal,” said Aleksandr Usherenko, who works there. “Your bike is with you everyday — it’s easy to get attached.”

PR stunt long enough. It’s time to move on.”

For her part, Sadik-Khan had called the case “frivolous” last week — but Walden thinks the commissioner is the one who is being self-serving.

“We intend to address the condescension and high-handed manner in which she has dealt with this case,” Walden said. “I have never seen a public servant with such hubris.”

# PPW BIKE...

Continued from page 1 ceived the letter.

The city has long maintained that it installed the traffic-calming project after extensive analysis and a process that was “rational and reasonable in all respects.”

What’s more, most of the neighboring community also supports the bike lane, ac-

cording to two surveys.

One of those supporters is Transportation Alternatives director, Paul Steely White, who called the new letter, “a desperate quest for headlines.”

“These malcontents had their day in court,” he said. “The people of Park Slope have endured this reckless

# PTA...

Continued from page 1 returns, Hogan admitted to cutting checks to herself ranging from \$6,000 to \$52,000 and spent the funds on fertility treatments and the rent on both her home her spa.

Yet the landlord’s civil suit claims that Hogan hasn’t paid her \$5,811 monthly rent for the first floor space between Smith and Hoyt streets for at least six months before her arrest.

“She’s saying she used that money to pay her rent, but it’s an out and out lie,” explained Marc Aronson, an attorney representing Hogan’s landlord.

Aronson said that the landlord just wants his money from the disgraced mom: If she pays the back rent, the Providence Day Spa can stay open, he explained.

“We’re willing to make a deal,” Aronson said. If the landlord’s claim

is legit, it wouldn’t be the first time that Hogan stole money, yet escaped punishment by simply repaying the money.

In just such a sweetheart deal with Brooklyn DA Charles Hynes, Hogan agreed to pay back the money she swindled in exchange for no jail time. She was supposed to make her first payment of \$40,000 on Aug. 11, but came to court empty handed.

Hogan was given until Oct. 3, to come up with the

money. If she doesn’t, a full trial will begin. She’s facing six years in prison.

The Providence Day Spa has been offering \$165 Ayurvedic massages, \$205 body polishes, \$70 mini-facials and \$60 Brazilian waxes since 2003.

It was open for business on Wednesday, but Hogan’s two employees told us that the owner was too busy to talk to us.

Calls to Hogan on Friday were not returned.

# PIER 5...

Continued from page 1 three multi-use artificial turf fields, a barbecue area, playground and a snack concession during warmer months. The pier, at the southern leg of the DUMBO-to-Atlantic Avenue park, will also have a waterfront esplanade.

Funding for the Pier 5 recreational bubble was sealed

earlier this month as a bonus to a deal between city and state lawmakers that allowed for some luxury housing to fund the park’s \$16-million annual upkeep.

Proposals are due by Sept. 27. For info, e-mail [brooklyn-bridgepark@bbpnyc.org](mailto:brooklyn-bridgepark@bbpnyc.org) or visit [www.brooklynbridge-parknyc.org](http://www.brooklynbridge-parknyc.org).

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“They changed the wall sconces, the fluorescent bulbs and ballasts. It was basically a good 40% brighter than what it was prior to changing over. And in the last six months, I haven’t changed a bulb yet,” Tony said.

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dle) Amira (Last) Shwartz AKA Zvia Amira Shwartz. My present address is 24 Tehama Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. My place of birth is Brooklyn, N.Y. My date of birth is June 19, 1985.

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Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Civil Court Kings County, on 17th day of August 2011, bearing index number N00861-11, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY, grants the petitioner's infant child to assume the name "Nada Issa Musa". The infant child's present address is at 253 Senator Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220; The infant child's date of birth is November 8, 2009; The infant child's present name is "Nazha Issa Musa".

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 08/19/2011, bearing Index Number NC-000866-11/KI,a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Munder (Last) Sarsour. My present name is (First) Mnder (Last) Sarsour AKA Munder Sarsour. My present address is 223 24th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11232. My place of birth is Brooklyn, N.Y. My date of birth is July 10, 1977.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given

that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Kings County on 08/19/2011, bearing Index Number NC-000867-11/KI, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 141 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, grants me the right to: Assume the name of (First) Genevieve (Middle) Vail Smith (Last) Cielo. My present name is (First) Genevieve (Middle) Vail (Last) Smith Cielo AKA Genevieve Vail Smith. My present address is 96 Kent Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. My place of birth is Washington, DC. My date of birth is July 13, 1981.

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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
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Adriana Cobada v. Anna Iraheta and Victor Gutierrez 11-CVD-14167(CB) Attention "Victor Gutierrez" Please take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above titled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:  
... Permanent custody of the minor children born to Anna Iraheta and Victor Gutierrez in Charlotte, NC on July 16, 2004.  
..... You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than September 18, 2011, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought  
...This the 7th day of August, 2011  
Cory A. Williams, Attorney  
Family Law Facilitator  
...130 N. McDowell St., Suite D  
Charlotte, NC 28204

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**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**DISTRICT COURT DIVISION**  
Adriana Cobada v. Anna Iraheta and Solin Escalante 11-CVD-14168(CB) Attention "Solin Escalante" Please take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above titled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:  
... Permanent custody of the minor children born to Anna Iraheta and Solin Escalante in Brooklyn, NY on October 12, 1998 and February 4, 2000.  
... You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than September 18, 2011, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought  
... This the 7th day of August, 2011  
Cory A. Williams, Attorney  
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All work on this Contract is to be completed within **Sixty (60)** calendar days starting ten (10) calendar days after the contract approval date of the New York State Comptroller.  
  
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